

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2015

SESSION LAW 2015-285
SENATE BILL 379

AN ACT RELATING TO CEMETERIES LOCATED ON LANDS OWNED, OCCUPIED,
OR CONTROLLED BY THE STATE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Article 2 of Chapter 70 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§70-21. Cemeteries on State lands.

(a) To preserve the sanctity of cemeteries located on State lands, the head of each State agency shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

(1) To identify and inventory all known cemeteries on State lands allocated to that State agency.

(2) To furnish a copy of the inventory to the State Property Office and the Department of Cultural Resources.

(b) State agencies are not required to provide State funds or other resources to maintain cemeteries on State land, except when required by law, regulation, or ordinance; directed by court order; or necessary to correct a known safety hazard to the public.

(c) State agencies may allow a family member or other interested person to maintain cemeteries and erect signs, fencing, grave markers, monuments, and tombstones within the designated boundaries of the cemetery if this activity does not constitute a safety hazard to the public. The family member or person shall obtain approval from the respective State agency and shall be responsible for any expense incurred by the activity."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 29th day of September, 2015.

s/ Brent Jackson
Presiding Officer of the Senate

s/ David R. Lewis
Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

s/ Pat McCrory
Governor

Approved 8:44 a.m. this 22nd day of October, 2015

