



National Home Funeral Alliance

A Newsletter for Members



Legislative Research: VA SB595 | 2016 | Regular Session

Virginia Senate Bill 595 (*Adjourned Sine Die*)

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Other Sessions

Session	Title/Description
2016 Regular Session (Enrolled)	Dead bodies; storage. Requires any institution that has initial custody of a dead human body to ensure, if it is to be stored for more than 48 hours, that the dead body is maintained in refrigeration at no more than a 48 degree... [SB595 2016 Detail] [SB595 2016 Text] [SB595 2016 Comments]
2014 Regular Session (Passed)	Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority; Board of Directors. Provides that nonlegislative citizens on board of directors of the Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority shall serve no more than four or two-year terms... [SB595 2014 Detail] [SB595 2014 Text] [SB595 2014 Comments]
2012 Regular Session (Passed)	Railroad grade crossings. Provides that where vehicles are required to stop for trains at railroad grade crossings, stop for other self-propelled machinery or automobile type vehicles using the rails as well... [SB595 2012 Detail] [SB595 2012 Text] [SB595 2012 Comments]

Resolution in Virginia Legislation Case

The threat posed to home funeral families in Virginia by SB595 is gone, thanks to ardent pressure from the home funeral community and nimble sleuthing by the Advocacy Committee.

Read about how the bill was defeated [here](#) and consider joining the committee to be in the forefront of our next challenge.

NHFA Conference Call

Hospice, Home Funeral & Home Burial: Providing a Full Continuum of Care

Sunday, April 10 | 8 p.m. ET; 5 p.m. PT



When Pierce Beij was referred to hospice, his daughters Karin and Jennifer were not asked who they wanted to have called to pick up the body. Instead, they were asked if they would like to talk to someone about funeral and burial options.

What developed was a full family-directed experience, from hospice care to after-death care to burial beside the stone wall on the edge of the family's property, located near

Squam Lake in NH (that became known to the world as Golden Pond in Ernest Thompson's play and subsequent movie).

We'll speak with Pemi Baker Hospice chaplain, Mary Francis Drake, and Karin and Jennifer about their experiences, exploring the continuum of care question many home funeral guides are most curious to achieve.

Facilitator: Lee Webster, NHFA President

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Wake Up to Dying event in July

The NHFA is proud to lead in-depth home funeral discussions and body care demonstrations at this year's major [Wake Up to Dying Project](#) event July 12-17. In its second year, the Project draws thousands who come to learn and talk about how dying changes the way we live.

The event is located in downtown [Burlington, VT](#), a vibrant pedestrian city downtown designated one of the top small cities in the

country. Come join us!

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