

**CHAPTER 37****( HB 379 )**

AN ACT relating to the delivery of cremated remains.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. KRS 367.97524 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) A crematory authority shall not conduct any cremations, nor accept a body for cremation, unless it has a cremation authorization form signed by the authorizing agent clearly stating the disposition to be made of the cremated remains.
- (2) Cremated remains shall be disposed of by placing them in a grave, crypt, or niche; by scattering them in a scattering area; or in any manner on the private property of a consenting owner. The crematory authority *or funeral director as defined in KRS 316.010* may deliver, either in person or by *a method that has an internal tracking system that provides a receipt signed by the person accepting delivery*~~registered mail~~, the cremated remains to the designated individual specified on the cremation authorization form. Upon receipt of the cremated remains, the individual receiving them may keep or transport them in any manner in this Commonwealth without a permit. After delivery, the crematory authority shall be discharged from any legal obligation or liability concerning the cremated remains relative to disposition.
- (3) A crematory authority or a licensed funeral director arranging a cremation shall not be held liable for good faith reliance on representations made by the authorizing agent regarding the authority to cremate.

**Signed by Governor April 7, 2014.**