

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1777

Introduced by Assembly Member Ma

February 21, 2012

An act to add Section 7117.1 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to dead bodies.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1777, as introduced, Ma. Disposition of cremated remains.

Existing law specifies the manner of disposition of cremated human remains, including allowing the remains to be taken by boat or by air, and scattered at sea, in accordance with specified procedures. Existing law requires cremated remains to be removed from their container before the remains are scattered at sea.

This bill, notwithstanding the requirement that cremated remains be removed from their container before scattering, would authorize the remains to be transferred from a durable container into a scattering urn, as defined, no more than 7 days before scattering the cremated remains at sea from a boat.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 7117.1 is added to the Health and Safety
- 2 Code, to read:
- 3 7117.1. (a) Notwithstanding subdivision (a) of Section 7117,
- 4 cremated remains may be transferred from a durable container into
- 5 a scattering urn no more than seven days before scattering the

1 cremated remains at sea from a boat. For purposes of this section,
2 “scattering urn” means a closed container containing cremated
3 remains that will dissolve and release its contents within four hours
4 of being placed at sea.

5 (b) This section shall not be construed to allow the use of a
6 scattering urn when the cremated remains are to be scattered by a
7 plane over land or at sea.