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To the Honorable Members of the Illinois General Assembly:

In compliance with the requirements set forth in the Illinois Regulatory Sunset Act (5 ILCS 80), my office has conducted a review of the Crematory Regulation Act (410 ILCS 18/1), which is scheduled to sunset on January 1, 2022. As a result of this review, it is recommended to the General Assembly that:

The Crematory Regulation Act (410 ILCS 18/1) should be continued with the following modification to its existing statutory and administrative rule framework.

- Amending the statute to allow for an enhanced exchange of information from other state agencies (E.g. Illinois Department of Revenue, the Illinois Office of the Secretary of State, Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation and Illinois Environmental Protection Agency) for noncompliance and financial, regulatory, environmental or consumer issues.

Cremation is growing in popularity as a disposition choice, without licensing and operational requirements for crematories, and state laws governing who can authorize a cremation and how long after a death a cremation can be performed. Without applicable laws, there would be no binding cremation standards which could lead to public harm. There is currently not sufficient evidence to suggest that the burdens imposed by regulation outweigh the benefits to the health, safety and welfare of the people of Illinois in continuing this regulation. Consequently, the continuation of this regulation is necessary to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the people of Illinois.

The full report produced by the Governor's Office of Management and Budget is provided as reference.

Very Sincerely and Respectfully,

JB Pritzker
Governor