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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY,  
APRIL 17, 2023

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 1 (General Provisions) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in rules of construction, further  
3 providing for definitions.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 1991 of Title 1 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a definition to read:  
8 § 1991. Definitions.

9 The following words and phrases, when used in any statute  
10 finally enacted on or after September 1, 1937, unless the  
11 context clearly indicates otherwise, shall have the meanings  
12 given to them in this section:

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14 "Cremation." The technical process, using mechanical,  
15 thermal or other dissolution process, including alkaline  
16 hydrolysis and natural organic reduction, that reduces human  
17 remains to bone fragments. The term includes the processing and  
18 pulverization of bone fragments and the placement of the

1 processed remains in a cremated remains container.

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3 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.