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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- VITAL RECORDS

Introduced By: Senators Morgan, Rogers, Paolino, and Raptakis

Date Introduced: February 27, 2019

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 23-3 of the General Laws entitled "Vital Records" is hereby  
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **23-3-16.1. Additional duties of funeral directors.**

4 Upon the filing of the death certificate pursuant to § 23-3-16, the funeral directors, their  
5 duly authorized agent or person acting as agent shall file written or electronic notification of the  
6 name and address of the deceased with the office of the secretary of state and the chairperson of  
7 the board of canvassers of the city or town in accordance with the address listed on the death  
8 certificate for the purpose of removal of the deceased from the rolls of registered voters.

9 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would require funeral directors or their duly authorized agents upon the filing of  
2 a death certificate to file written or electronic notification of the name and address of the deceased  
3 with the office of the secretary of state and the chairperson of the board of canvassers listed on  
4 the death certificate for the purpose of removal from the roles of registered voters.

5           This act would take effect upon passage.

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