

CHAPTER 75

AN ACT to amend 157.12 (1) (a) of the statutes, relating to maintenance funds for structures for corpses, wholly or partly above ground.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

157.12 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

157.12 (1) (a) No person shall build a structure for corpses, wholly or partly above ground, except in compliance with regulations of the state board of health, and plans and specifications previously approved by such board in writing. The state board of health may adopt and enforce regulations governing the location, materials and construction of the same. Municipalities may make and enforce additional consistent regulations. No public or community mausoleum or columbarium shall after June 15, 1933, be constructed or used for the disposition of the remains of the human dead unless the same shall be erected within the confines of an established cemetery, containing 20 acres or more, and which * * * *has* been in existence for a period of 10 years. No building or structure for use or intended to be used as a public mausoleum or columbarium for the permanent disposition therein of the remains of deceased persons, shall be constructed after said date, and no such building constructed on said date and not then used for the permanent disposition of the remains of deceased persons, shall be altered or changed for such use, or used for such permanent disposition purposes, unless constructed in accordance with plans and specifications approved by the state board of health and of such materials and workmanship as will insure its durability and permanence, as dictated and determined at the time by modern mausoleum construction and engineering science. These provisions shall not affect any public or community mausoleum or columbarium which is being built or under construction on said date, the plans and specifications for which have been approved by the state board of health, or any additions or extensions to any public or community mausoleum or columbarium constructed on said date or then in the course of construction, the plans and specifications for which shall be approved by the state board of health. Such board shall control the construction, and see that the approved plans and specifications are followed. No departure shall be made except upon approval in writing by such board. No such structure shall be used until such board certifies in writing that approved plans and specifications were followed and that the maintenance fund has been * * * *established.*

Approved May 6, 1957.
