AN ACT to amend 157.061 (9) and 440.70 (4) of the statutes; relating to:
regulation of mausoleums.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, mausoleums are regulated by the Department of Safety and Professional Services. A mausoleum that is intended to be used for the burial of more than ten human remains or for which at least one mausoleum space or niche is offered for sale must generally be located in a cemetery. Under current law, burial of human remains for purposes of the rules applicable to mausoleums includes the inurnment of cremated human remains.

This bill exempts columbaria from the requirements applicable to mausoleums. Under the bill, a columbarium is a building or structure, or part of a building or structure, that is used or intended to be used for the inurnment of cremated human remains and not for the entombment or interment of human remains.

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

SECTION 1. 157.061 (9) of the statutes is amended to read:

157.061 (9) “Mausoleum” means a building, structure, or part of a building or structure that is used or intended to be used for the burial of human remains.

“Mausoleum” does not include a columbarium, as defined in s. 440.70 (4).
SECTION 2. 440.70 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

440.70 (4) “Columbarium” means a building, structure, or part of a building or structure that is used or intended to be used for the inurnment of cremated remains and not for entombment or interment of human remains.

(END)