

HOUSE No. 915

By Mr. Sheridan of Maynard (by request), petition of Abel Cutting relative to the application of deposits with towns for the perpetual care of private burial places. Municipal Finance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Three.

An Act relative to the Application of Deposits with Towns for the Perpetual Care of Private Burial Places.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section nineteen of chapter one hundred and four-
2 teen of the General Laws, as appearing in the Ter-
3 centenary edition thereof, is hereby amended by in-
4 serting after the word "places" in the fourth line the
5 following:— ; provided, that, in case the income of
6 the same is to be applied for the preservation, care,
7 improvement or embellishment of any cemetery
8 owned by an association, or of any lot therein, the
9 town treasurer shall pay over such income, as it
10 accrues, to the treasurer of such association who shall
11 then be informed by him of the purpose to which it
12 is to be applied, and the treasurer of such association
13 shall apply it to such purpose,— so as to read as
14 follows:— *Section 19.* A town may receive, hold and
15 apply any funds, money or securities deposited with

16 the treasurer thereof for the preservation, care, im-
17 provement or embellishment of any public or private
18 burial place situated therein, or of burial lots situated
19 in such burial places; provided, that, in case the in-
20 come of the same is to be applied for the preservation,
21 care, improvement or embellishment of any cemetery
22 owned by an association, or of any lot therein, the
23 town treasurer shall pay over such income, as it
24 accrues, to the treasurer of such association who shall
25 then be informed by him of the purpose to which it is
26 to be applied, and the treasurer of such association
27 shall apply it to such purpose. Such funds, money
28 or securities shall be entered upon the books of the
29 treasurer, and held in accordance with ordinances or
30 by-laws relative thereto. A town may pass ordi-
31 nances or by-laws, consistent with law, necessary for
32 the purposes of this section, and may allow interest
33 on such funds at a rate not exceeding six per cent a
34 year.