HOUSE No. 6346

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 10, 1981.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to whom was referred the Bill authorizing the town of Harwich to acquire by gift and administer the property of a cemetery located therein, known as Evergreen Cemetery (House, No. 3242), reports recommending that the same be amended by the substitution of the accompanying bill (House, No. 6346).

For the committee,

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-One.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HARWICH TO RECEIVE AND ADMIN-ISTER THE PROPERTY OF THE EVERGREEN CEMETERY.

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

SECTION 1. The Evergreen Cemetery, a corporation duly established under the laws of the commonwealth, hereinafter called

3 the cemetery, may, by deed duly executed, convey and transfer to

4 the town of Harwich, and said town is hereby authorized and

5 empowered to receive, and thereafter to hold and maintain, but for

6 cemetery purposes only, and subject to all rights heretofore exist-

7 ing in any burial lots, the real and personal property of the ceme-

8 tery not subject to any trust, and, thereupon, and upon the transfer

9 of the trust funds as hereinafter provided, the cemetery shall be

10 dissolved; and the cemetery shall be and become a public burial

11 place, ground or cemetery.

SECTION 2. Insofar as authorized by a decree of a court of competent jurisdiction and in compliance with the terms and conditions of such decree, said town may receive from the association a conveyance and transfer of, and administer, all funds or other property held by the cemetery in trust for perpetual care of the lots in the cemetery and for other purposes, and also any property

7 deviced or bequeathed to the cemetery under the will of any person

8 living at the time of said transfer or conveyance or under the will of 9 any deceased person not then probated. Interest and dividends

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10 accruing on funds deposited in trust with any savings bank under

11 authority of section twenty-five of chapter one hundred and sixty-

12 eight of the General Laws, or with any other banking institution, 13 for the benefit of the cemetery, or any lots in the cemetery may,

14 after such conveyance, be paid by such bank or institution to the

15 treasurer of said town; and upon such payment said treasurer shall

16 use the same for the purposes of said trusts.

10 may certify copies thereof.

SECTION 3. All real and personal property and property rights, acquired by said town from the cemetery under authority of this act, shall be held and managed by said town in the same manner in which cities and towns are authorized by law to hold and manage property for cemetery purposes; provided, that all rights which any persons have acquired in the cemetery or any lots therein shall remain in force to the same extent as if this act had not been passed and such transfer had not occurred. The records of the cemetery shall be delivered to the clerk of said town and such clerk