



GOVERNOR PAT QUINN  
STATE OF ILLINOIS

August 17, 2009

Hon. Daniel W. Hynes  
Comptroller, State of Illinois  
100 West Randolph Street, Suite 15-500  
Chicago, Illinois 60601

Dear Comptroller Hynes:

Cemetery Oversight  
Task Force

The Cemetery Oversight Task Force looks forward to your scheduled presentation on September 10, 2009. In anticipation of your presentation, the Task Force requests that you submit the following information in advance so that the Task Force can have a better understanding of the functions and the work of the Comptroller's Office as it relates to the cemetery, crematory, and pre-need industries:

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*Acting Secretary*  
Illinois Department of Financial  
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1. Number of cemetery authorities currently licensed.
2. Number of cemetery authorities registered.
3. Number of cemeteries in Illinois owned by out of state entities.
4. Number of current licenses to hold care funds.
5. Number of cemetery associations that send annual reports.
6. Number of current licenses to sell pre-need burial or cemetery services.
7. Number of current crematory licenses.
8. Identification and numbers of any other licenses, permits, or registrations in addition to the above issued and administered by the Comptroller's office relating to the cemetery, crematory, and pre-need industries.
9. Number of total complaints received in each of the last five years.
10. Number of the complaints referenced in item #9 that were made against cemetery authorities with a breakdown by cemetery name and the number of complaints made against each cemetery.
11. The amount of funds held by your Office for the administration of programs to clean up abandoned or neglected cemeteries and the names of recipients of grants and the amounts awarded to each recipient in each of the past five years.

Thank you for your assistance in obtaining this information. The Task Force would appreciate if this information could be provided no later than September 4, 2009, so that it can be distributed to the Task Force members prior to your presentation.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Patricia Brown Holmes".

Patricia Brown Holmes

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