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crematories that are presently operating to have 60 days from the effective date of this legislation to apply for licensure; the process for cremation. As the bill was presented to the committee, there was a substantial series of questions and answers and it was felt by the committee that they were comfortable with the bill. There were several committee amendments that the Judiciary Committee incorporated into the original bill. They were fairly simple. It put in the provision that allows for department to impose a license fee discretionarily and sets a standard fee of \$300 for issuance and renewal; deletes a provision that provides for potential disqualification, specifically committing or permitting or aiding or abetting the commission of any unlawful act; deletes proposed revisions to current statutes that govern the power of attorney; and finally, clarifies the authorizing agent as not to be considered the power of attorney. So I would ask, Senator, if there are any questions, I would certainly be happy to answer those, but I would ask that you would adopt AM1980 to the committee amendments.

**SPEAKER BROMM:** Thank you, Senator Byars. Is there any discussion on AM1980? Senator Beutler.

**SENATOR BEUTLER:** Senator Byars, I'm just looking at this for the first time and wanted to ask you a quick question. On the bottom of page 3 of your amendment, subsection (2) of Section 4, it says, "A crematory may be constructed on the property of or property adjacent to any cemetery or funeral establishment that is properly zoned," dah dah dah. Is this intended to be a limitation as to where these can be located?

**SPEAKER BROMM:** Senator Byars.

**SENATOR BYARS:** No. I think if you'll read further into the last part of that sentence, if you turn to page 4, the last two lines, "properly zoned commercial or industrial or at any other location consistent with applicable zoning and environmental regulations." I think that language would be sufficient, Senator, to allow it to be constructed otherwise. There will be rules and regulations, as is always the case in this situation. I, as we...as usual, we try to put our faith in Health and Human