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## **Bill Defining Columbarium Passes in Senate**

**Madison, WI**—Today, the Wisconsin State Senate passed, unanimously by a voice vote, [SB 229](#), an important piece of legislation co-authored by Representative Rob Brooks, that defines columbaria in Wisconsin State Statutes and provides religious associations with the autonomy necessary to comply with the wishes of individuals, while protecting the rights of municipalities to control local zoning. The Assembly companion to SB 229, authored by Representative Rob Brooks, is [AB 285](#).

“I am pleased that this legislation was passed by the Senate. I am grateful to Senator Lazich, the Senate author, and the other senators who cosponsored this legislation,” said Representative Rob Brooks.

“With more individuals choosing cremation over traditional burial, this legislation will ultimately affect every legislative district in Wisconsin. This legislation makes much needed changes to cemetery statutes and provides religious associations with the ability to build, oversee and maintain columbaria, located on property they own, much like they currently do with cemeteries,” said Representative Rob Brooks.

In the process of drafting this legislation, we worked diligently to ensure that local zoning rights were protected. This legislation places a one year moratorium for local municipalities to develop zoning ordinances relating to columbaria.

SB 229 now goes to the Wisconsin State Assembly for a vote.

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