

**One Hundred Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2023**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB257**

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**Chairperson: Senator John Lowe**

**Committee: General Affairs**

**Date of Hearing:**

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 257 is a bill to re-write section 12-701 of the cemetery statutes to provide cities, counties, and villages with a process to re-vest lots purchased for internment or burial in a cemetery owned by the city, county, or village, if no one has been buried in the lot for at least thirty years. The bill provides for proper notice proceedings that allow the owner of such a lot the opportunity to file a valid claim showing they have not abandoned the lot, and further allows the governing body to bring an action in district court to restore the cemetery lot to the governing body, should no valid claim by an owner be filed.

New language is added to section 12-702 to allow the city, county, or village that becomes the reversionary owner of the cemetery lot pursuant to 12-701 to then sell the same and convey title to a new purchaser of the lot for purposes of internment or burial.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator John Lowe**