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Del. Lawmaker Says Proposed Cemetery Regulations Still Need Work

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DOVER, Del. (AP)- A state lawmaker who has been working on legislation regulating many of Delaware's cemeteries says she still has a lot of work to do before the bill is ready.

State Sen. Margaret Rose Henry told cemetery operators and citizens at a public hearing Wednesday she expects to finish the bill before lawmakers adjourn this year.

Henry is suggesting cemeteries that fall into financial trouble could draw on a fund supported by extra \$2 fees on death certificates. She also wants cemeteries to have a maintenance trust of at least \$10,000, but some churches and volunteer groups say it would be hard to raise that money.

Henry is hoping to tackle problems similar to those at Riverview Cemetery in Wilmington. The cemetery fell into disrepair and officials did not have records to show who was buried where.



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