

1-1 By: Collier, Orr (Senate Sponsor - Schwertner) H.B. No. 5175
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 10, 2023;
 1-3 May 11, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Local
 1-4 Government; May 22, 2023, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 22, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Bettencourt	X			
1-8 Springer	X			
1-9 Eckhardt	X			
1-10 Gutierrez			X	
1-11 Hall	X			
1-12 Nichols	X			
1-13 Parker	X			
1-14 Paxton	X			
1-15 West	X			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to access to certain cemeteries.
 1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 1-21 SECTION 1. Section 711.041, Health and Safety Code, is
 1-22 amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c-1) to
 1-23 read as follows:
 1-24 (a) Any person who wishes to visit a cemetery or private
 1-25 burial grounds for which no public ingress or egress is available
 1-26 shall have the right to reasonable ingress and egress for the
 1-27 purpose of visiting the cemetery or private burial grounds. This
 1-28 right of access extends only to visitation during the hours
 1-29 determined by the owner or owners of the lands under Subsection (b)
 1-30 or at a reasonable time as provided by Subsection (c) or (c-1) and
 1-31 only for purposes usually associated with cemetery visits.
 1-32 (c-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (b), the owner or owners
 1-33 of the lands surrounding a cemetery or private burial grounds must
 1-34 allow a person to enter and exit the owner's land for the purpose of
 1-35 visiting the cemetery or private burial grounds between the hours
 1-36 of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. every day of the year.
 1-37 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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