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## DIGEST

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HB 808 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Provides for the abatement of public health and safety risks of abandoned cemeteries by certain local governing authorities.

Proposed law permits a municipal or parochial government to abate a public health or safety risk of an abandoned cemetery when the cemetery is located within the jurisdiction of that municipal or parochial government.

Proposed law provides that the abatement of such risk shall take place at the sole and complete discretion of the governing body upon a majority vote.

Proposed law provides that proposed law shall not be interpreted to authorize the disturbance of any graves or the moving or removal of human remains or grave markers.

Proposed law provides that when exposed human remains are found during abatement activities, the municipal or parochial government or a volunteer who is undertaking the abatement shall notify the appropriate state authorities in accordance with present law.

(Adds R.S. 8:908)

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Commerce to the original bill:

1. Prohibit the moving or removal of grave markers.
2. Make technical changes.