

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

**ACT 450 (HB 808)**

**2024 Regular Session**

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New 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.

New 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.

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

New law requires a municipal or parochial government or a volunteer who is undertaking the abatement to notify the appropriate state authorities in accordance with existing law when exposed human remains are found during abatement activities.

New law permits the parish president or the chief elected official of a municipality to abate any public safety risk or public health hazard in a public or private cemetery caused by the declared disaster in accordance with existing law.

Effective upon signature of governor (June 3, 2024).

(Adds R.S. 8:908)