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Entitled an Act to authorize and empower the directors of The Sharp's Cemetery Company Incorporated to exercise sole control and management of Sharp's Graveyard in Cecil County, Maryland.

Whereas, a century or more ago a certain citizen named Sharp, dedicated to the public a plot of land situated in Cecil County, Maryland, for the purposes of burial, which is known as Sharp's Graveyard.

And whereas said Graveyard, until about a year ago, had been so neglected that it had become a source of humiliation to the relatives and friends of the persons who had been interred in it.

And whereas about a year ago the owners of lots in said Graveyard and the friends and relatives of the persons buried there called a meeting, elected directors and formed a corporation, entitled The Sharp's Cemetery Company Incorporated.

And whereas the said directors from funds contributed by the lot owners and others have so improved the said burial lot that it has taken on the appearance of a well-kept Cemetery and the directors desire to continue the improvement of said Cemetery from yearly dues contributed by the lot owners, therefore,

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, that the directors of The Sharp's Cemetery Company Incorporated, be authorized and empowered to exercise sole control and management of Sharp's Graveyard in Cecil County and State of Maryland.

Section 2. <sup>And</sup> ~~How~~ be it enacted that any person or persons in any way interfering with the control and management of the said Graveyard by the directors of The Sharp's Cemetery Company Incorporated, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor



and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars.

Section 3. And be it enacted, that the directors of The Sharp's Cemetery Company Incorporated are authorized and empowered to purchase land and also authorized and empowered to purchase a strip of land, containing about one acre, now used as an approach to the gates of said Cemetery and if the said directors cannot negotiate the purchase of said strip of land, containing about one acre and used as an approach to the gates of said Cemetery the said directors are authorized and empowered to have the said strip of land condemned by the same legal proceedings as are required under the laws of Maryland for the condemnation of land for public purposes.

Section 4. And be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland that this Act shall take effect from June 1st, 1920.