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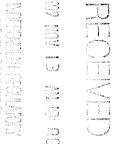
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It is in the public's best interest that this regulation address the need in the funeral profession to protect consumers, while at the same time, preserving the integrity of the funeral director's license.

Regulation 16A-4816 provides a solid safeguard to the public concerning their pre-need arrangements.

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