
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 124—COMMITTEE
ON COMMERCE AND LABOR

(ON BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON SENIOR
CITIZENS, VETERANS AND ADULTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS)

PREFILED FEBRUARY 4, 2011

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Requires a funeral director to report the names of certain deceased persons to the Office of Veterans’ Services. (BDR 54-162)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to funeral directors; requiring a funeral director who obtains possession of the unclaimed human remains of a deceased person whom the funeral director knows, has reason to know or reasonably believes is a veteran to report the name of the deceased person to the Office of Veterans’ Services; requiring the Office to determine whether certain deceased persons are veterans who are eligible for interment at a national or veterans’ cemetery; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 **Section 1** of this bill requires a funeral director who obtains possession of the
2 unclaimed human remains of a deceased person whom the funeral director knows,
3 has reason to know or reasonably believes is a veteran to report the name of the
4 deceased person to the Office of Veterans’ Services not later than 1 year after
5 obtaining possession of the unclaimed human remains of the deceased person.
6 **Section 1** requires the Office of Veterans’ Services to determine whether a
7 deceased person whose name has been reported to the Office is a veteran who is
8 eligible for interment in a national cemetery or veterans’ cemetery and further
9 requires the Office to provide notice of such a determination to the funeral director.
10 **Section 1** provides that, if a deceased person is a veteran who is eligible for
11 interment in a national cemetery or veterans’ cemetery, a funeral director is
12 required to arrange for the proper disposition of the veteran’s remains.



13 **Section 1** additionally provides that a funeral director is not liable for any act or
14 omission with respect to complying with the requirements of **section 1**.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 642 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 *1. A funeral director who obtains custody of the unclaimed*
4 *human remains of a deceased person whom the funeral director*
5 *knows, has reason to know or reasonably believes is a veteran*
6 *shall report the name of the deceased person to the Office of*
7 *Veterans' Services not later than 1 year after obtaining custody of*
8 *the unclaimed human remains of the deceased person.*

9 *2. Upon receipt of a report made pursuant to subsection 1,*
10 *the Office of Veterans' Services shall determine whether the*
11 *deceased person is a veteran who is eligible for interment at a*
12 *national cemetery pursuant to 38 U.S.C. § 2402 or a veterans'*
13 *cemetery pursuant to NRS 417.210. The Office of Veterans'*
14 *Services shall provide notice of the determination to the funeral*
15 *director.*

16 *3. If the Office of Veterans' Services provides notice to a*
17 *funeral director of a determination that a deceased person is a*
18 *veteran who is eligible for interment at a national cemetery or*
19 *a veterans' cemetery, the funeral director shall arrange for the*
20 *proper disposition of the veteran's remains with:*

21 *(a) A national cemetery or veterans' cemetery; or*

22 *(b) The Office of Veterans' Services.*

23 *4. A funeral director is immune from civil or criminal*
24 *liability for any act or omission with respect to complying with the*
25 *provisions of this section.*

26 *5. As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning*
27 *ascribed to it in NRS 176A.090.*

28 **Sec. 2.** If, on October 1, 2011, a funeral director has in his or
29 her custody the unclaimed human remains of a deceased person
30 whom the funeral director knows, has reason to know or reasonably
31 believes is a veteran, the funeral director shall report the name of the
32 deceased person to the Office of Veterans' Services not later than
33 September 30, 2012.

