

Assembly Bill No. 124—Committee  
on Commerce and Labor

CHAPTER.....

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:**

**Section 1** of this bill requires 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 not later than 1 year after obtaining possession of the unclaimed human remains of the deceased person. **Section 1** requires the Office of Veterans' Services to determine whether a deceased person whose name has been reported to the Office is a veteran who is eligible for interment in a national cemetery or veterans' cemetery and further requires the Office to provide notice of such a determination to the funeral director. **Section 1** provides that, if a deceased person is a veteran who is eligible for interment in a national cemetery or veterans' cemetery, a funeral director is required to arrange for the proper disposition of the veteran's remains. **Section 1** additionally provides that a funeral director is not liable for any act or omission with respect to complying with the requirements of **section 1**.

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

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

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

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

*2. Upon receipt of a report made pursuant to subsection 1, the Office of Veterans' Services shall determine whether the deceased person is a veteran who is eligible for interment at a national cemetery pursuant to 38 U.S.C. § 2402 or a veterans'*



*cemetery pursuant to NRS 417.210. The Office of Veterans' Services shall provide notice of the determination to the funeral director.*

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

- (a) A national cemetery or veterans' cemetery; or*
- (b) The Office of Veterans' Services.*

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

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

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

