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"Aid for veterans and changes to Megan's Law among the 100 bills Christie signed," Burlington County Times, 1-23-13.

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P.L.2013, CHAPTER 238, *approved January 17, 2014*
Assembly, No. 1898 (*Second Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning the burial of indigent veterans, amending
2 R.S.38:17-1, R.S.38:17-3 and R.S.38:17-4, and supplementing
3 chapter 17 of Title 38 of the Revised Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the
6 State of New Jersey:

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8 1. R.S.38:17-1 is amended to read as follows:

9 38:17-1. The board of chosen freeholders in each of the counties
10 shall designate a proper authority, other than that designated by law
11 for the care of paupers and the custody of criminals, who shall
12 cause to be interred the bodies of all honorably discharged
13 **【**soldiers, sailors, marines or nurses who served, or shall have
14 served, in the Army or Navy of the United States in time of
15 emergency, or during any war in which the United States has been
16 engaged, is engaged or shall be engaged**】** veterans of the United
17 States Armed Forces, including the bodies of all honorably
18 discharged members of the American Merchant Marine who served
19 during World War II and have been declared by the United States
20 Department of Defense to be eligible for federal veterans' benefits,
21 who **【**shall**】** die without leaving means sufficient to defray funeral
22 expenses. The expense of such funeral shall not exceed in any case
23 the sum of **【**\$250.00**】** \$1,250 for burial or cremation.

24 **【**Such authority shall also, upon application by an interested
25 party, cause to be interred the bodies of members of the Armed
26 Forces of the United States who died in active service during the
27 second World War, or in time of emergency. The expense of such
28 interment shall not in any case exceed the sum of \$50.00.

29 As used in this act the term "in time of emergency" shall mean
30 and include any time (a) after June 23, 1950, and prior to January
31 31, 1955, and (b) during the period in which warlike conditions
32 exist in the southeast Asia area commencing as of January 1, 1961
33 and terminating on May 7, 1975.

34 For the purposes of this act active service in the "southeast Asia
35 area" means and includes such service in any area in southeast Asia
36 in which armed conflict or warlike conditions exist as determined
37 by the President and includes not only land based service in said
38 area but also service in said area with the United States Navy and

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **【thus**】** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AAP committee amendments adopted February 7, 2013.

²Senate SBA committee amendments adopted December 12, 2013.

1 Air Force regardless of where the individual's ship or unit is based.】
2 (cf: P.L.1991, c.389, s.11)

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4 2. (New section) The county medical examiner, or a designee,
5 shall be responsible for the positive identification of ¹【the】 an¹
6 unidentified indigent deceased person. The supervisor of veterans'
7 interment or county medical examiner, as appropriate, shall contact
8 the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs upon receipt of an
9 unclaimed indigent deceased person to ascertain whether or not that
10 person was a veteran. The ¹【department shall respond within 24
11 hours, if possible, but in no case more than 72 hours with】
12 supervisor of veterans' interment or county medical examiner, as
13 appropriate, shall be notified upon determination of¹ the veteran
14 status of the person. If the person was a veteran, the supervisor of
15 veterans' interment or county medical examiner, as appropriate,
16 shall cause burial or cremation to occur within 72 hours of
17 notification of veteran status.

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19 3. R.S.38:17-3 is amended to read as follows:

20 38:17-3. Any interment provided for by sections 38:17-1 to
21 38:17-8 of this title shall not be made in any cemetery or plot used
22 exclusively for the burial of pauper dead , but may be made in a
23 county veterans' cemetery or, if appropriate, the Brigadier General
24 William C. Doyle Veterans' Memorial Cemetery. The graves of any
25 such deceased veterans may be marked by a headstone containing
26 the name of the deceased and, if possible, the organization to which
27 he belonged or in which he served. Such headstone 【shall cost not
28 more than fifty dollars and】 shall be of such design and materials as
29 shall be approved by the governor, adjutant general and
30 quartermaster general.

31 (cf: R.S.38:17-3)

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33 4. R.S.38:17-4 is amended to read as follows:

34 38:17-4. The expense of the burial or cremation and headstone
35 shall be borne and paid by the county in which the deceased shall be
36 resident at the time of 【his】 death , up to a cost of \$250. The State
37 shall provide additional funds for such expenses, if necessary,
38 through an annual appropriation ²and subject to the availability of
39 funds². The total cost shall not exceed \$1,250 for burial or
40 cremation.

41 If in any county there is located a home or other institution for
42 the use, care, shelter and maintenance of such veterans not
43 supported by the county, such county shall not be liable for the
44 burial or cremation expenses and headstones of the deceased, unless
45 the deceased was a bona fide resident of such county at the time of
46 his admission to such home or institution, but the county in which
47 he was resident at the time of his admission to such home or

1 institution shall defray, bear and pay the cost of such burial or
2 cremation and headstones.

3 (cf: R.S.38:17-4)

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5 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

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10 Extends burial of indigent veterans to those who did not serve in
11 time of war; clarifies role of DMVA in identifying deceased
12 veterans; provides additional funding, subject to availability, for
13 burial of indigent veterans.

ASSEMBLY, No. 1898

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 215th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2012 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman MATTHEW W. MILAM

District 1 (Atlantic, Cape May and Cumberland)

Assemblywoman VALERIE VAINIERI HUTTLE

District 37 (Bergen)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblymen Coughlin, Amodeo and C.A.Brown

SYNOPSIS

Extends burial of indigent veterans to those who did not serve in time of war; clarifies role of DMVA in identifying deceased veterans; provides additional funding for burial of indigent veterans.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 10/19/2012)

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14 **served, in the Army or Navy of the United States in time of**
15 **emergency, or during any war in which the United States has been**
16 **engaged, is engaged or shall be engaged]** veterans of the United
17 States Armed Forces, including the bodies of all honorably
18 discharged members of the American Merchant Marine who served
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20 Department of Defense to be eligible for federal veterans' benefits,
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30 through an annual appropriation. The total cost shall not exceed
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35 burial or cremation expenses and headstones of the deceased, unless
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1 STATEMENT

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5 residence is responsible for burial, up to a cost of \$250. This bill
6 would provide additional funding for the burial or cremation of all
7 indigent veterans, including those who did not serve at a time of
8 war.

9 The bill would require the State to cover burial and cremation
10 costs above \$250, but total costs would not exceed \$1,250 for
11 cremation or burial.

12 Additionally, the bill clarifies the role of the Department of
13 Military and Veterans' Affairs in identifying unidentified or
14 unclaimed indigent deceased persons as veterans. The bill requires
15 the county medical examiner, or a designee, to identify the
16 unidentified indigent deceased person. The Department of Military
17 and Veterans' Affairs will no longer be required to identify the
18 unidentified person. The Department of Military and Veterans'
19 Affairs will still be required to ascertain whether or not the person
20 was a veteran. The department must respond within 24 hours, if
21 possible, but in no case more than 72 hours, with the veteran status
22 of the person. If the person was a veteran, the supervisor of
23 veterans' interment or county medical examiner, as appropriate,
24 must see to the burial or cremation within 72 hours of notification
25 of veteran status.

ASSEMBLY MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 1898

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 19, 2012

The Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably Assembly, No. 1898.

Under current law, if a war veteran dies without leaving means sufficient to defray funeral expenses, the veteran's county of residence is responsible for burial, up to a cost of \$250. This bill would provide additional funding for the burial or cremation of all indigent veterans, including those who did not serve at a time of war.

The bill would require the State to cover burial and cremation costs above \$250, but total costs would not exceed \$1,250 for cremation or burial.

Additionally, the bill requires the county medical examiner, or a designee, to identify the unidentified indigent deceased person. The Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs will no longer be required to identify the unidentified person, but will be required to ascertain whether or not the person was a veteran. The department must respond within 24 hours, if possible, but in no case more than 72 hours, with the veteran status of the person. If the person was a veteran, the supervisor of veterans' interment or county medical examiner, as appropriate, must see to the burial or cremation within 72 hours of notification of veteran status.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2012-2013 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1898

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 7, 2013

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1898, with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill provides additional funding for the burial or cremation of all indigent veterans, including those who did not serve at a time of war.

Under current law, if a war veteran dies without leaving means sufficient to defray funeral expenses, the veteran's county of residence is responsible for burial, up to a cost of \$250.

This bill requires the State to cover burial and cremation costs above \$250, but total costs may not exceed \$1,250 for cremation or burial.

The bill requires the county supervisor of veterans' interment or the county medical examiner, as appropriate, to identify the unidentified indigent deceased person. The Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs (DMVA) will be required to ascertain whether or not the person was a veteran. If the person was a veteran, the supervisor of veterans' interment or county medical examiner, as appropriate, must see to the burial or cremation within 72 hours of notification of veteran status.

As amended and reported, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 1075 (1R).

FISCAL IMPACT:

In a fiscal note to a similar bill in the prior legislative session, Assembly Bill No. 3662 of 2010, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) indicated that it was unable to determine the amount of State funds that would be needed to meet this need because it is highly unlikely that any agency, including the OMB (and the DMVA), could accurately predict how many New Jersey veterans may die each year without sufficient means to defray funeral costs.

The Office of Legislative Services noted that funding for the burial and cremation of veterans, at the Brigadier General William C. Doyle cemetery, is provided by the State and from reimbursements made to the State by the federal Veterans' Administration. According to the DMVA, the current cost of interment at the cemetery is \$1,200 per

burial or cremation. Currently, the department receives a \$350 reimbursement per interment from the federal Veterans' Administration. The State pays the remaining \$850 per interment from the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs, Direct State Services, Burial Services appropriation. The FY 2013 appropriations act appropriates \$2.3 million to pay for projected veteran interments in FY 2013. The federal government does not provide direct funding to counties for the burial and cremation of veterans at county cemeteries for county veterans' nor pass through funding via the State for the burial and cremation of veterans at county cemeteries. Thus, to the extent that the State is required to provide funding to counties, for the burial and cremation of indigent deceased veterans, at county cemeteries, the State would incur additional costs of up to \$1,000, (before federal reimbursement) per deceased indigent veteran. The OLS is not able to project the total cost to the DMVA because the OLS has no information on how many deceased indigent veterans have been buried in county cemeteries annually in the past and cannot estimate how many may die annually in the future.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The amendments omit a provision that would have set a time limit for the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs to ascertain whether the indigent deceased person was a veteran and include a provision requiring the department to notify the appropriate party of the deceased's veteran status, as well as making minor technical corrections.

FISCAL NOTE
 [First Reprint]
ASSEMBLY, No. 1898
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
215th LEGISLATURE

DATED: FEBRUARY 20, 2013

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Extends burial of indigent veterans to those who did not serve in time of war; clarifies role of DMVA in identifying deceased veterans; provides additional funding for burial of indigent veterans.
- Type of Impact:** Expenditure Increase to the State General Fund.
- Agencies Affected:** Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs.

Executive Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>FY 2013</u>	<u>FY 2014</u>	<u>FY 2015</u>
State Cost	Indeterminate – See comments below		

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) **concurs** with the Executive Branch estimate.
- This bill requires the State to provide funding, in an amount up to \$1,000 per burial, to counties for the burial or cremation of all indigent veterans, including those who did not serve in a time of war.
- To the extent that the State is also required to provide additional funding to counties for the burial or cremation of indigent deceased veterans in county cemeteries, the State would incur costs of up to \$1,000 per deceased indigent veteran.
- The OLS notes that funding for the burial and cremation of veterans, at the Brigadier General William C. Doyle cemetery, is provided by the State and from reimbursements from the federal Veterans Administration. The federal government also provides burial and plot interment allowances under certain conditions to anyone, including counties, who paid for a veteran's burial or funeral, in a private or public cemetery, by filling out VA Form 21-530, Application for Burial Benefits.
- The OLS is not able to project the total cost to the State because we do not know how many deceased indigent veterans have been buried by counties each year in the past and, thus, are not able to estimate how many may die each year in the future.

BILL DESCRIPTION

Assembly Bill No. 1898 (1R) of 2012 provides additional funding for the burial or cremation of all indigent veterans, including those who did not serve at a time of war. Under current law, if a war veteran dies without leaving means sufficient to defray funeral expenses, the veteran's county of residence is responsible for burial, up to a cost of \$250. This bill requires the State to cover burial and cremation costs above \$250, but total costs may not exceed \$1,250 for cremation or burial. The bill requires the county supervisor of veterans' interment or the county medical examiner, as appropriate, to identify the unidentified indigent deceased person. The Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs (DMVA) will be required to ascertain whether or not the person was a veteran. If the person was a veteran, the supervisor of veterans' interment or county medical examiner, as appropriate, must see to the burial or cremation within 72 hours of notification of veteran status.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) indicates that it is unable to determine the amount of State funds that would be needed to meet this need because it is highly unlikely that any agency, including the OMB (and the DMVA) could accurately predict how many New Jersey veterans may die each year without sufficient means to defray funeral costs.

Any veteran is eligible for interment free of charge at the Doyle cemetery in New Jersey or the Veterans' Cemetery at Washington Crossing, Pennsylvania.

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The OLS concurs with the Executive Branch estimate. The OLS notes that funding for the burial or cremation of a veteran, at the Brigadier General William C. Doyle cemetery, is provided by the State and from reimbursements made to the State by the federal Veterans Administration. According to the DMVA, the current cost of interment at the cemetery is \$1,400 per burial or cremation. Currently, the department receives a \$700 reimbursement per interment from the federal Veterans' Administration. The State pays the remaining \$700 per interment from the DMVA, Direct State Services, Burial Services appropriation. The FY 2013 Governor's Budget contains an appropriation of \$2.3 million to pay for 2,925 projected veterans interments in FY 2013.

The federal government also provides burial and plot interment allowances under certain circumstances to anyone, including counties, who paid for a veteran's burial or funeral, in a private or public cemetery, by filling out VA Form 21-530, Application for Burial Benefits. For service-related deaths, the Veterans Administration will pay up to \$2,000 toward burial expenses for deaths on or after September 11, 2001. For non-service related deaths on or after October 1, 2011, the Veterans Administration will pay up to \$700 toward burial and funeral expenses if hospitalized at the time of death, or \$300 toward burial and funeral expenses if not hospitalized at the time of death, and a \$700 plot-interment allowance if not buried in a national cemetery. To the extent that the State is required to provide additional funding to counties for the burial or cremation of indigent deceased veterans in county cemeteries, the State would incur costs of up to \$1,000 per deceased indigent veteran. The OLS is not able to project the total cost to the State

because we do not know how many deceased indigent veterans have been buried by counties each year in the past and, thus, are not able to estimate how many may die each year in the future.

Section: State Government

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Senior Fiscal Analyst*

*Approved: David J. Rosen
Legislative Budget and Finance Officer*

This fiscal note has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 1898

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 12, 2013

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1898 (1R), with committee amendments.

As amended, the bill requires the State to provide additional funding, subject to availability, for the burial or cremation of all indigent veterans, including those who did not serve at a time of war.

Under current law, if a war veteran dies without leaving means sufficient to defray funeral expenses, the veteran's county of residence is responsible for burial, up to a cost of \$250. This bill requires the State to cover burial and cremation costs above \$250, but total costs may not exceed \$1,250 for cremation or burial. Thus, this bill requires the State to provide funding, in an amount up to \$1,000 per burial, to counties for the burial or cremation of all indigent veterans, including those who did not serve in a time of war.

The bill requires the county supervisor of veterans' interment or the county medical examiner, as appropriate, to identify the unidentified indigent deceased person. The Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs (DMVA) will be required to ascertain whether or not the person was a veteran. If the person was a veteran, the supervisor of veterans' interment or county medical examiner, as appropriate, must see to the burial or cremation within 72 hours of notification of veteran status.

As amended and reported, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 1075 (1R) as also amended and reported by the committee.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amendments clarify that the additional State funds to be provided through an annual appropriation are subject to the availability of funds.

FISCAL IMPACT:

In a fiscal note to this bill, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) indicates that it is unable to determine the amount of State funds needed to meet this need because it is highly unlikely that any

agency, including the OMB (and the DMVA), could accurately predict how many New Jersey veterans may die each year without sufficient means to defray funeral costs.

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) notes that funding for the burial and cremation of veterans, at the Brigadier General William C. Doyle cemetery, is provided by the State and from reimbursements made to the State by the federal Veterans' Administration. According to the DMVA, the current cost of interment at the cemetery is \$1,400 per burial or cremation. Currently, the department receives a \$700 reimbursement per interment from the federal Veterans' Administration. The State pays the remaining \$700 per interment from the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs, Direct State Services, Burial Services appropriation. The FY 2014 appropriations act appropriates \$2.2 million to pay for projected veteran interments in FY 2014.

The federal government also provides burial and plot interment allowances under certain circumstances to anyone, including counties, who have made outlays for a veteran's burial or funeral, in a private or public cemetery, if documented through filing of a VA Form 21-530, Application for Burial Benefits. For service-related deaths, the Veterans Administration will pay up to \$2,000 toward burial expenses for deaths on or after September 11, 2001. For non-service related deaths on or after October 1, 2011, the Veterans Administration will pay up to \$700 toward burial and funeral expenses if hospitalized at the time of death, or \$300 toward burial and funeral expenses if not hospitalized at the time of death, and a \$700 plot-interment allowance if not buried in a national cemetery.

To the extent that the State is required to provide additional funding to counties for the burial or cremation of indigent deceased veterans in county cemeteries, the State would incur costs of up to \$1,000 per deceased indigent veteran. The OLS is not able to project the total cost to the State because the OLS has no information on how many deceased indigent veterans have been provided burial or cremation services by counties in previous years and, thus, is not able to estimate how many may require such services in the future.

FISCAL NOTE
[Second Reprint]
ASSEMBLY, No. 1898
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
215th LEGISLATURE

DATED: DECEMBER 23, 2013

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Extends burial of indigent veterans to those who did not serve in time of war; clarifies role of DMVA in identifying deceased veterans; provides additional funding, subject to availability, for burial of indigent veterans.
- Type of Impact:** Expenditure Increase to the State General Fund.
- Agencies Affected:** Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs.

Executive Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>FY 2014</u>	<u>FY 2015</u>	<u>FY 2016</u>
State Cost	Indeterminate – See comments below		

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) **concurs** with the Executive Branch estimate.
- This bill requires the State to provide funding, in an amount up to \$1,000 per burial, to counties for the burial or cremation of all indigent veterans, including those who did not serve in a time of war.
- To the extent that the State is also required to provide additional funding to counties for the burial or cremation of indigent deceased veterans in county cemeteries, the State would incur costs of up to \$1,000 per deceased indigent veteran.
- The OLS notes that funding for the burial and cremation of veterans, at the Brigadier General William C. Doyle cemetery, is provided by the State and from reimbursements from the federal Veterans Administration. The federal government also provides burial and plot interment allowances under certain conditions to anyone, including counties, who paid for a veteran's burial or funeral, in a private or public cemetery, by filling out VA Form 21-530, Application for Burial Benefits.

- The Executive Branch could not determine the cost of this bill. The OLS also is not able to project the total cost to the State because we do not know how many deceased indigent veterans have been buried by counties each year in the past and, thus, are not able to estimate how many may die each year in the future.

BILL DESCRIPTION

Assembly Bill No. 1898 (2R) of 2012 provides additional funding for the burial or cremation of all indigent veterans, including those who did not serve at a time of war. Under current law, if a war veteran dies without leaving means sufficient to defray funeral expenses, the veteran's county of residence is responsible for burial, up to a cost of \$250. This bill requires the State to cover burial and cremation costs above \$250, but total costs may not exceed \$1,250 for cremation or burial. The bill requires the county supervisor of veterans' interment or the county medical examiner, as appropriate, to identify the unidentified indigent deceased person. The Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs (DMVA) will be required to ascertain whether or not the person was a veteran. If the person was a veteran, the supervisor of veterans' interment or county medical examiner, as appropriate, must see to the burial or cremation within 72 hours of notification of veteran status.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) indicates that it is unable to determine the amount of State funds that would be needed to meet this need because it is highly unlikely that any agency, including the OMB (and the DMVA) could accurately predict how many New Jersey veterans may die each year without sufficient means to defray funeral costs.

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OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

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SENATE, No. 1075

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 215th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JANUARY 23, 2012

Sponsored by:

Senator JEFF VAN DREW

District 1 (Atlantic, Cape May and Cumberland)

SYNOPSIS

Extends burial of indigent veterans to those who did not serve in time of war; clarifies role of DMVA in identifying deceased veterans; provides additional funding for burial of indigent veterans.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning the burial of indigent veterans, amending
2 R.S.38:17-1, R.S.38:17-3 and R.S.38:17-4, and supplementing
3 chapter 17 of Title 38 of the Revised Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. R.S.38:17-1 is amended to read as follows:

9 38:17-1. The board of chosen freeholders in each of the counties
10 shall designate a proper authority, other than that designated by law
11 for the care of paupers and the custody of criminals, who shall
12 cause to be interred the bodies of all honorably discharged
13 **[soldiers, sailors, marines or nurses who served , or shall have**
14 **served, in the Army or Navy of the United States in time of**
15 **emergency, or during any war in which the United States has been**
16 **engaged, is engaged or shall be engaged]** veterans of the United
17 States Armed Forces, including the bodies of all honorably
18 discharged members of the American Merchant Marine who served
19 during World War II and have been declared by the United States
20 Department of Defense to be eligible for federal veterans' benefits,
21 who **[shall]** die without leaving means sufficient to defray funeral
22 expenses. The expense of such funeral shall not exceed in any case
23 the sum of **[\$250.00]** \$1,500 for cremation or burial.

24 **[Such authority shall also, upon application by an interested**
25 **party, cause to be interred the bodies of members of the Armed**
26 **Forces of the United States who died in active service during the**
27 **second World War, or in time of emergency. The expense of such**
28 **interment shall not in any case exceed the sum of \$50.00.**

29 As used in this act the term "in time of emergency" shall mean
30 and include any time (a) after June 23, 1950, and prior to January
31 31, 1955, and (b) during the period in which warlike conditions
32 exist in the southeast Asia area commencing as of January 1, 1961
33 and terminating on May 7, 1975.

34 For the purposes of this act active service in the "southeast Asia
35 area" means and includes such service in any area in southeast Asia
36 in which armed conflict or warlike conditions exist as determined
37 by the President and includes not only land based service in said
38 area but also service in said area with the United States Navy and
39 Air Force regardless of where the individual's ship or unit is based.]
40 (cf: P.L.1991, c.389, s.11)

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42 2. (New section) The supervisor of veterans' interment or
43 county medical examiner, as appropriate, shall contact the
44 Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs upon receipt of an
45 unidentified or unclaimed indigent deceased person to ascertain

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

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1 whether or not that person was a veteran. The supervisor of
2 veterans' interment or county medical examiner, as appropriate,
3 shall be notified upon determination of the veteran status of the
4 person. If the person was a veteran, the supervisor of veterans'
5 interment or county medical examiner, as appropriate, shall cause
6 burial or cremation to occur within 72 hours of notification of
7 veteran status.

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9 3. R.S.38:17-3 is amended to read as follows:

10 38:17-3. Any interment provided for by sections 38:17-1 to
11 38:17-8 of this title shall not be made in any cemetery or plot used
12 exclusively for the burial of pauper dead , but may be made in a
13 county veterans' cemetery or, if appropriate, the Brigadier General
14 William C. Doyle Veterans' Memorial Cemetery. The graves of any
15 such deceased veterans may be marked by a headstone containing
16 the name of the deceased and, if possible, the organization to which
17 he belonged or in which he served. Such headstone [shall cost not
18 more than fifty dollars and] shall be of such design and materials as
19 shall be approved by the governor, adjutant general and
20 quartermaster general.

21 (cf: R.S.38:17-3)

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23 4. R.S.38:17-4 is amended to read as follows:

24 38:17-4. The expense of the burial or cremation and headstone
25 shall be borne and paid by the county in which the deceased shall be
26 resident at the time of [his] death , up to a cost of \$250. The State
27 shall provide additional funds for such expenses, if necessary,
28 through an annual appropriation. The total cost shall not exceed
29 \$1,500 for cremation or burial.

30 If in any county there is located a home or other institution for
31 the use, care, shelter and maintenance of such veterans not
32 supported by the county, such county shall not be liable for the
33 burial or cremation expenses and headstones of the deceased, unless
34 the deceased was a bona fide resident of such county at the time of
35 his admission to such home or institution, but the county in which
36 he was resident at the time of his admission to such home or
37 institution shall defray, bear and pay the cost of such burial or
38 cremation and headstones.

39 (cf: R.S.38:17-4)

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41 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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46 Under current law, if a war veteran dies without leaving means
47 sufficient to defray funeral expenses, the veteran's county of
48 residence is responsible for burial, up to a cost of \$250. This bill

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1 would provide additional funding for the burial or cremation of all
2 indigent veterans, including those who did not serve at a time of
3 war.

4 The bill would require the State to cover burial and cremation
5 costs above \$250, but total costs would not exceed \$1,500 for
6 cremation or burial.

7 Additionally, the bill clarifies the role of the Department of
8 Military and Veterans' Affairs in identifying unidentified or
9 unclaimed indigent deceased persons as veterans. Upon receipt of
10 an unidentified or unclaimed indigent person, the supervisor of
11 veterans' interment or county medical examiner, as appropriate,
12 would contact the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs to
13 ascertain whether or not that person was a veteran. The department
14 will notify the supervisor of veterans' interment or county medical
15 examiner, as appropriate, when the veteran status of the person has
16 been determined. If the person was a veteran, the supervisor of
17 veterans' interment or county medical examiner, as appropriate,
18 must see to the burial or cremation within 72 hours of notification
19 of veteran status.

SENATE MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1075

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 6, 2012

The Senate Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 1075.

Under current law, if a war veteran dies without leaving means sufficient to defray funeral expenses, the veteran's county of residence is responsible for burial, up to a cost of \$250. As amended, this bill would provide additional funding for the burial or cremation of all indigent veterans, including those who did not serve at a time of war. As amended, the bill requires the State to cover burial and cremation costs above \$250, but total costs would not exceed \$1,250 for cremation or burial.

Additionally, as amended, the bill requires the county medical examiner, or a designee, to identify the unidentified indigent deceased person. The Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs will no longer be required to identify the unidentified person, but will be required to ascertain whether or not the person was a veteran. If the person was a veteran, the supervisor of veterans' interment or county medical examiner, as appropriate, must see to the burial or cremation within 72 hours of notification of veteran status.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amended the bill to change the additional funds the State would provide for burial or cremation expenses from \$1,500 to \$1,250. The amendments also require the county medical examiner, or a designee, to identify an unidentified indigent deceased person. The Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs will not be required to identify the unidentified person.

FISCAL NOTE
 [First Reprint]
SENATE, No. 1075
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
215th LEGISLATURE

DATED: FEBRUARY 20, 2013

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Extends burial of indigent veterans to those who did not serve in time of war; clarifies role of DMVA in identifying deceased veterans; provides additional funding for burial of indigent veterans.
- Type of Impact:** Expenditure Increase to the State General Fund.
- Agencies Affected:** Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs.

Executive Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>FY 2013</u>	<u>FY 2014</u>	<u>FY 2015</u>
State Cost	Indeterminate – See comments below		

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) **concurs** with the Executive Branch estimate.
- This bill requires the State to provide funding, in an amount up to \$1,000 per burial, to counties for the burial or cremation of all indigent veterans, including those who did not serve in a time of war.
- To the extent that the State is also required to provide additional funding to counties for the burial or cremation of indigent deceased veterans in county cemeteries, the State would incur costs of up to \$1,000 per deceased indigent veteran.
- The OLS notes that funding for the burial and cremation of veterans, at the Brigadier General William C. Doyle cemetery, is provided by the State and from reimbursements from the federal Veterans Administration. The federal government also provides burial and plot interment allowances under certain conditions to anyone, including counties, who paid for a veteran's burial or funeral, in a private or public cemetery, by filling out VA Form 21-530, Application for Burial Benefits.
- The OLS is not able to project the total cost to the State because we do not know how many deceased indigent veterans have been buried by counties each year in the past and, thus, are not able to estimate how many may die each year in the future.

BILL DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill No. 1075 (1R) of 2012 provides additional funding for the burial or cremation of all indigent veterans, including those who did not serve at a time of war. Under current law, if a war veteran dies without leaving means sufficient to defray funeral expenses, the veteran's county of residence is responsible for burial, up to a cost of \$250. This bill requires the State to cover burial and cremation costs above \$250, but total costs may not exceed \$1,250 for cremation or burial. The bill requires the county supervisor of veterans' interment or the county medical examiner, as appropriate, to identify the unidentified indigent deceased person. The Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs (DMVA) will be required to ascertain whether or not the person was a veteran. If the person was a veteran, the supervisor of veterans' interment or county medical examiner, as appropriate, must see to the burial or cremation within 72 hours of notification of veteran status.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) indicates that it is unable to determine the amount of State funds that would be needed to meet this need because it is highly unlikely that any agency, including the OMB (and the DMVA) could accurately predict how many New Jersey veterans may die each year without sufficient means to defray funeral costs.

Any veteran is eligible for interment free of charge at the Doyle cemetery in New Jersey or the Veterans' Cemetery at Washington Crossing, Pennsylvania.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The OLS concurs with the Executive Branch estimate. The OLS notes that funding for the burial or cremation of a veteran, at the Brigadier General William C. Doyle cemetery, is provided by the State and from reimbursements made to the State by the federal Veterans Administration. According to the DMVA, the current cost of interment at the cemetery is \$1,400 per burial or cremation. Currently, the department receives a \$700 reimbursement per interment from the federal Veterans' Administration. The State pays the remaining \$700 per interment from the DMVA, Direct State Services, Burial Services appropriation. The FY 2013 Governor's Budget contains an appropriation of \$2.3 million to pay for 2,925 projected veterans interments in FY 2013.

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SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 1075

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 12, 2013

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1075 (1R), with committee amendments.

As amended, the bill requires the State to provide additional funding, subject to availability, for the burial or cremation of all indigent veterans, including those who did not serve at a time of war.

Under current law, if a war veteran dies without leaving means sufficient to defray funeral expenses, the veteran's county of residence is responsible for burial, up to a cost of \$250. This bill requires the State to cover burial and cremation costs above \$250, but total costs may not exceed \$1,250 for cremation or burial. Thus, this bill requires the State to provide funding, in an amount up to \$1,000 per burial, to counties for the burial or cremation of all indigent veterans, including those who did not serve in a time of war.

The bill requires the county supervisor of veterans' interment or the county medical examiner, as appropriate, to identify the unidentified indigent deceased person. The Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs (DMVA) will be required to ascertain whether or not the person was a veteran. If the person was a veteran, the supervisor of veterans' interment or county medical examiner, as appropriate, must see to the burial or cremation within 72 hours of notification of veteran status.

As amended and reported, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 1898 (1R) as also amended and reported by the committee.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amendments clarify that the additional State funds to be provided through an annual appropriation are subject to the availability of funds.

FISCAL IMPACT:

In a fiscal note to this bill, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) indicates that it is unable to determine the amount of State funds needed to meet this need because it is highly unlikely that any

agency, including the OMB (and the DMVA), could accurately predict how many New Jersey veterans may die each year without sufficient means to defray funeral costs.

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The federal government also provides burial and plot interment allowances under certain circumstances to anyone, including counties, who have made outlays for a veteran's burial or funeral, in a private or public cemetery, if documented through filing of a VA Form 21-530, Application for Burial Benefits. For service-related deaths, the Veterans Administration will pay up to \$2,000 toward burial expenses for deaths on or after September 11, 2001. For non-service related deaths on or after October 1, 2011, the Veterans Administration will pay up to \$700 toward burial and funeral expenses if hospitalized at the time of death, or \$300 toward burial and funeral expenses if not hospitalized at the time of death, and a \$700 plot-interment allowance if not buried in a national cemetery.

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FISCAL NOTE
 [Second Reprint]
SENATE, No. 1075
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
215th LEGISLATURE

DATED: DECEMBER 23, 2013

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Extends burial of indigent veterans to those who did not serve in time of war; clarifies role of DMVA in identifying deceased veterans; provides additional, funding, subject to availability, for burial of indigent veterans.
- Type of Impact:** Expenditure Increase to the State General Fund.
- Agencies Affected:** Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs.

Executive Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>FY 2014</u>	<u>FY 2015</u>	<u>FY 2016</u>
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- The Executive Branch could not determine the cost of this bill. The OLS also is not able to project the total cost to the State because we do not know how many deceased indigent veterans have been buried by counties each year in the past and, thus, are not able to estimate how many may die each year in the future.

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