SENATE BILL NO. 399–SENATORS STONE, ELLISON, KRASNER, CRUZ-CRAWFORD, HANSEN; BUCK, SCHEIBLE, STEINBECK, TAYLOR AND TITUS

MARCH 17, 2025

JOINT SPONSORS: ASSEMBLYMEMBERS D'SILVA AND GRAY

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to veterans. (BDR 37-1046)

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

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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 veterans; prohibiting the Director of the Department of Veterans Services from charging a fee for the interment of the spouse of a veteran; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires the Director of the Department of Veterans Services to establish, operate and maintain veterans' cemeteries in this State. (NRS 417.090) Existing law further requires the Director to charge a fee for the interment of a family member of a veteran who is eligible for interment in a veterans' cemetery in this State. (NRS 417.210) This bill prohibits the Director from charging a fee for the interment of the spouse of a veteran.

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

Section 1. NRS 417.210 is hereby amended to read as follows:

417.210 1. A veteran who is eligible for interment in a national cemetery pursuant to the provisions of 38 U.S.C. § 2402 is eligible for interment in a veterans' cemetery in this State.

2. An eligible veteran, or a member of his or her immediate family, or a veterans' organization recognized by the Director may

apply for a plot in a cemetery for veterans in this State by submitting a request to the cemetery superintendent on a form to be supplied by the cemetery superintendent. The application for interment must provide for a selection to have the area immediately above and surrounding the interred remains of the applicant landscaped with natural grass or xeriscaping. The cemetery superintendent shall assign available plots in the order in which applications are received. A specific plot may not be reserved before it is needed for burial. No charge may be made for a plot or for the interment of a veteran.

3. One plot is allowed for the interment of each eligible veteran and for each member of his or her immediate family, except where the conditions of the soil or the number of the decedents of the family requires more than one plot.

4. ~~[The]~~ ***Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the*** Director shall charge a fee for the interment of a family member, but the fee may not exceed the actual cost of interment. ***The Director shall not charge a fee for the interment of the spouse of a veteran.***

5. As used in this section, "immediate family" means the spouse, minor child or, when the Director deems appropriate, the unmarried adult child of an eligible veteran.

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