

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0228

Veteran burial teams.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Walsh, Anderson, R.,
Cooper, Edwards, Esquibel, Jansen, Latta,
McMurtrey, Powers and Tipton and Senator(s)
Decaria, Larson, Northrup, Peck and Roberts

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to veterans; creating an account in the
2 earmarked revenue fund; providing for allocations to
3 veteran burial teams; making an appropriation; and
4 providing for an effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 19-14-109 is created to read:

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10 **19-14-109. Veteran burial teams.**

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12 (a) The veteran burial team account is created within
13 the earmarked revenue fund. Subject to rules and
14 regulations adopted by the veterans' affairs commission,
15 Wyoming veteran burial teams who have contracted with the

1 commission may apply for reimbursement of any actual and
2 necessary expenses incurred in the performance of military
3 funeral duties not to exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25.00)
4 per funeral. The commission shall also maintain a list of
5 registered veteran burial teams and provide that list upon
6 request.

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8 (b) Any claim made pursuant to this section shall be
9 made to the veterans' affairs commission. The commission
10 shall review and act upon all claims submitted under
11 subsection (a) of this section no later than June 30
12 following the year in which expenses were incurred for the
13 claim submitted. If there are insufficient funds to pay
14 all approved claims, the commission shall prorate
15 reimbursement among all approved claims. Payments
16 authorized through the commission pursuant to this section
17 shall be paid by the state treasurer by warrant issued by
18 the state auditor upon vouchers signed by the state
19 veterans' service officer or his designee.

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21 (c) As used in this section, "veteran burial team"
22 means any group of veterans that the commission has
23 contracted with, pursuant to rules and regulations, to
24 perform military services within the state of Wyoming

1 authorized by the commission during the burial of any
2 decedent who has received any military discharge, other
3 than a dishonorable discharge, from the armed forces of the
4 United States.

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6 **Section 2.** W.S. 19-14-107(c)(ii), (iii) and by
7 creating a new paragraph (iv) is amended to read:

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9 **19-14-107. Creation of veterans' affairs commission;**
10 **composition; terms.**

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12 (c) The commission shall:

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14 (ii) Establish liaison with agencies dealing
15 with veteran's affairs;~~and~~

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17 (iii) Make recommendations to the legislature
18 and to the governor concerning veterans;~~;~~ and

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20 (iv) Adopt rules and regulations necessary to
21 administer the veteran burial team account pursuant to W.S.
22 19-14-109.

1 **Section 3.** There is appropriated thirty-five thousand
2 six hundred thirty-nine dollars (\$35,639.00), or as much
3 thereof as is necessary, from the general fund to the
4 veteran burial team account in the earmarked revenue fund
5 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003 to implement
6 this act.

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8 **Section 4.** This act is effective July 1, 2003.

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10 (END)