

ENROLLED ACT NO. 114, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FIFTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2003 GENERAL SESSION

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

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

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

19-14-109. Veteran burial teams.

(a) The veteran burial team account is created within the earmarked revenue fund. Subject to rules and regulations adopted by the veterans' commission, Wyoming veteran burial teams who have contracted with the commission may apply for reimbursement of any actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of military funeral duties not to exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per funeral. The commission shall also maintain a list of registered veteran burial teams and provide that list upon request.

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

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(c) As used in this section, "veteran burial team" means any group of veterans that the commission has contracted with, pursuant to rules and regulations, to perform military services within the state of Wyoming authorized by the commission during the burial of any decedent who has received any military discharge, other than a dishonorable discharge, from the armed forces of the United States.

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

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

(c) The commission shall:

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

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

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

Section 3. There is appropriated thirty-seven thousand dollars (\$37,000.00) from the general fund to the veteran burial team account in the earmarked revenue fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003 to implement this act.

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

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk