

SENATE FILE NO. SF0014

Veteran burial teams.

Sponsored by: Joint Transportation and Highways Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to veterans; amending provisions relating  
2 to payments for military funeral duties; specifying  
3 applicability; and providing for an effective date.

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

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 19-14-107(c)(iv) and 19-14-109 are  
8 amended to read:

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

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13 (c) The commission shall:

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1           (iv) Adopt ~~rules and regulations~~ policies and  
2 procedures necessary to administer the veteran burial team  
3 account pursuant to W.S. 19-14-109.

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5           **19-14-109. Veteran burial teams.**

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

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18           (b) Any claim made pursuant to this section shall be  
19 made to the veterans' commission. The commission shall  
20 review and act upon all claims submitted under subsection  
21 (a) of this section no later than June 30 following the  
22 calendar year in which expenses were incurred for the claim  
23 submitted. If after deducting and paying the commission's  
24 administrative expenses in processing claims there are

1 insufficient funds within the veteran burial team account  
2 to pay all approved claims, the commission shall prorate  
3 reimbursement among all approved claims. Payments  
4 authorized through the commission pursuant to this section  
5 shall be paid by the state treasurer by warrant issued by  
6 the state auditor upon vouchers signed by the state  
7 veterans' service officer or his designee.

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

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18 **Section 2.**

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20 (a) The policies and procedures adopted by the  
21 veterans' commission pursuant to this act shall not be  
22 subject to provisions of the Wyoming Administrative  
23 Procedure Act.

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1           (b) The provisions of this act shall apply to claims  
2 payable under W.S. 19-14-109 for services rendered on or  
3 after July 1, 2003.

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5           **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon  
6 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law  
7 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming  
8 Constitution.

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