
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 174—ASSEMBLYWOMAN KRASNER

PREFILED FEBRUARY 13, 2017

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Urges the Reno City Council to take steps to protect the Grand Army of the Republic Cemetery. (BDR S-652)

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

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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 cemeteries; urging the Reno City Council to take steps to protect the Grand Army of the Republic Cemetery; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 This bill acknowledges the importance of the Grand Army of the Republic
2 Cemetery in Reno and urges the Reno City Council to provide for capital
3 improvements, and to take any other necessary steps, to protect against
4 deterioration and vandalism of that cemetery.

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

- 1 **Section 1.** The Legislature hereby finds and declares that:
2 1. The Grand Army of the Republic was a fraternal
3 organization comprised of honorably discharged Union veterans of
4 the American Civil War which included hundreds of local chapters;
5 2. General O.M. Mitchell Post Number 69 of the Grand Army
6 of the Republic was composed of Union veterans located in northern
7 Nevada;
8 3. In 1890, Post Number 69 purchased 17 lots in the original
9 Hillside Cemetery in Reno, Nevada, to serve as the final resting
10 place for Union veterans in northern Nevada;
11 4. The Grand Army of the Republic Cemetery in Reno contains
12 the graves of 82 Union veterans and their families;



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1 5. The Grand Army of the Republic reached its largest
2 enrollment in 1890, with 409,000 members, but thereafter began
3 gradually diminishing in size as its members passed away and was
4 formally dissolved in 1956 after the death of its last member;

5 6. Many Grand Army of the Republic cemeteries, including the
6 Cemetery in Reno, began to be neglected as the organization
7 diminished;

8 7. After years of neglect and vandalism of the Cemetery in
9 Reno, local members of the Daughters of the Union Veterans of the
10 Civil War began restoration efforts in 1963;

11 8. Today, the Grand Army of the Republic Cemetery in Reno
12 is maintained through the efforts of local volunteers but remains
13 vulnerable to neglect and vandalism; and

14 9. A special act is necessary to urge the protection of the Grand
15 Army of the Republic Cemetery in Reno.

16 **Sec. 2.** The members of the 79th Session of the Nevada
17 Legislature do hereby urge the Reno City Council to provide for
18 capital improvements, and to take any other necessary steps, to
19 protect against deterioration and vandalism of the Grand Army of
20 the Republic Cemetery in Reno, Nevada.

21 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

