

EMERGENCY REQUEST of Assembly Minority Leader

Assembly Bill No. 521—Assemblymen Paul Anderson, Krasner, Tolles, Edwards, Wheeler; Ellison, Hambrick, Hansen, Kramer, Marchant, McArthur, Oscarson, Pickard, Titus and Woodbury

Joint Sponsor: Senator Hammond

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AN ACT relating to veterans; establishing a program authorizing a member of a veteran's family to apply to the Director of the Department of Veterans Services for financial assistance for the disinterment of a veteran for relocation to a veterans' cemetery; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law provides for the establishment, operation and maintenance of veterans' cemeteries in this State and sets forth the requirements for eligibility of a veteran for interment in a veterans' cemetery and the application process for interment. (NRS 417.200-417.230) This bill establishes a program to provide financial assistance for the disinterment and relocation of a veteran to any veterans' cemetery. This bill also requires the Director of the Department of Veterans Services to adopt regulations prescribing the application process and the criteria for the award of such financial assistance. Finally, this bill makes an appropriation to fund the program.

EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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

Section 1. Chapter 417 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. There is hereby established a program to provide financial assistance to the family of a veteran who is interred in a cemetery that is not a veterans' cemetery for the disinterment of the veteran and relocation to a veterans' cemetery.

2. The Director and the Deputy Director may apply for and accept gifts, grants and donations or other sources of money for the purpose of carrying out the program established pursuant to subsection 1, which must be deposited in the Account for Veterans Affairs, created by NRS 417.220. The money deposited pursuant to this section must be accounted for separately. The Director shall administer the Account and all claims against the Account must



be paid out on claims as other claims against the State are paid upon approval by the Director before they are paid. Money deposited in the Account for Veterans Affairs pursuant to this section must be used only for the purposes authorized by this section and must not be reverted to any other fund, account or use.

3. The Director shall adopt regulations prescribing the process for submission of an application by a member of a veteran's family and the criteria for the award of financial assistance pursuant to the program established by subsection 1.

Sec. 2. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Director of the Department of Veterans Services the sum of \$100,000 for the purpose of providing financial assistance for the disinterment and relocation of a veteran pursuant to the program established by section 1 of this act.

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2017.

