



S.F. No. 388 – Removing state veterans cemetery burial fee for spouses and dependents of eligible veterans

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This bill requires the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) to cover the cost of burial in state veteran cemeteries for veterans, and their spouses and dependent children. Under current law, MDVA covers the cost of burial for active duty and eligible veterans but charges a fee to cover the cost of burial for spouses and dependent children. MDVA may waive or reduce this fee under certain circumstances.

Section 1 makes conforming changes.

Section 2 requires MDVA to pay burial costs for eligible veterans and their spouses and dependent children. An eligible veteran is a person who served in active military, naval, air, or space service, and who was discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable.

Section 3 appropriates money to replace lost revenue from the removal of the fee.

