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A bill for an act

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relating to veterans; modifying veterans burial provisions; amending Minnesota

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Statutes 2024, section 197.236, subdivisions 8, 9.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 197.236, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

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Subd. 8. **Eligibility.** Cemeteries must be operated solely for the burial of service members

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who die on active duty, eligible veterans, and their spouses and dependent children, as

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defined in United States Code, title 38, section ~~401~~ 2402, paragraph ~~(2)~~ (a), subparagraphs

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Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 197.236, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

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Subd. 9. **Burial fees.** (a) The commissioner of veterans affairs shall establish a fee

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schedule, which may be adjusted from time to time, for the interment of eligible spouses

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and dependent children. The fees shall cover as nearly as practicable the actual costs of

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interment, excluding the value of the plot.

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(b) Upon application, the commissioner may waive or reduce the burial fee for an indigent

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eligible person. The commissioner shall ~~develop~~ maintain a policy, eligibility standards,

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and application form for requests to waive or reduce the burial fee to indigent eligible

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applicants.

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(c) No plot or interment fees may be charged for the burial of service members who die

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on active duty or eligible veterans, as defined in United States Code, title 38, section ~~401~~

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2402, paragraph ~~(2)~~ (a), subparagraphs 1 to 4 and 7.