

HOUSE BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Veteran burial teams.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Walsh

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

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

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

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(b) Any claim made pursuant to this section shall be made to the veterans' commission. The commission shall review and act upon all claims submitted under subsection (a) of this section no later than June 30 following the calendar year in which expenses were incurred for the claim submitted. If after deducting and paying the commission's administrative expenses in processing claims there are insufficient funds within the veteran burial team account to pay all approved claims, the commission shall prorate reimbursement among all approved claims. Payments

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1 authorized through the commission pursuant to this section  
2 shall be paid by the state treasurer by warrant issued by  
3 the state auditor upon vouchers signed by the state  
4 veterans' service officer or his designee.

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

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15 **Section 2.**

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

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

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

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