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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development  
See SF1959

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to veterans; modifying veterans burial provisions; amending Minnesota  
1.3 Statutes 2024, section 197.236, subdivisions 8, 9.

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

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

1.6 Subd. 8. **Eligibility.** Cemeteries must be operated solely for the burial of service members  
1.7 who die on active duty, eligible veterans, and their spouses and dependent children, as  
1.8 defined in United States Code, title 38, section ~~404~~ 2402, paragraph ~~(2)~~ (a), subparagraphs  
1.9 1 to 5 and 7.

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

1.11 Subd. 9. **Burial fees.** (a) The commissioner of veterans affairs shall establish a fee  
1.12 schedule, which may be adjusted from time to time, for the interment of eligible spouses  
1.13 and dependent children. The fees shall cover as nearly as practicable the actual costs of  
1.14 interment, excluding the value of the plot.

1.15 (b) Upon application, the commissioner may waive or reduce the burial fee for an indigent  
1.16 eligible person. The commissioner shall ~~develop~~ maintain a policy, eligibility standards,  
1.17 and application form for requests to waive or reduce the burial fee to indigent eligible  
1.18 applicants.

1.19 (c) No plot or interment fees may be charged for the burial of service members who die  
1.20 on active duty or eligible veterans, as defined in United States Code, title 38, section ~~404~~  
1.21 2402, paragraph ~~(2)~~ (a), subparagraphs 1 to 4 and 7.