

or other officer issuing such license shall ascertain that the applicant is entitled thereto; and any such clerk or other officer issuing a license to any person who is not entitled to receive one under the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Every violation hereof shall be deemed a misdemeanor, the minimum punishment whereof shall be a fine of \$10.00.

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CHAPTER 171—H. F. No. 415

*An act relating to burial of soldiers within or without the state, providing for headstones and other markers, and amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 197.21.*

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 197.21, is amended to read as follows:

**197.21. Headstones.** The commissioner of veterans affairs, hereinafter referred to as the commissioner, shall cause to be placed a headstone at the grave of every such person named in section 197.20, bearing his name, and if ascertainable, the dates of his birth and death, and the designation of the organization to which he belonged or in which he served. The cost of such headstone shall not exceed \$15.00, finished and in place. It shall not be furnished by the state until the commissioner shall have applied unsuccessfully to the federal government therefor. When the federal government furnishes such stone, without a base, the commissioner, at a cost to the state of not more than \$10.00, shall cause the same to be properly placed. When such headstone heretofore has been furnished and erected other than by the state or the federal government and does not bear the designation of the organization to which such person belonged or in which he served, upon written request of the next of kin of such person or of the state commander of any veterans' organization chartered by the United States, the commissioner, at a cost to the state of not more than \$10.00, shall cause to be graven thereon the designation of the organization to which such person belonged or in which he served.

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