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STATE OF MINNESOTA
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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband and Rural Development

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to veterans; requiring the commissioner of veterans affairs to provide
1.3 grave markers for veterans; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes
1.4 2024, section 197.23, subdivision 1.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 197.23, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Authorization.** The commissioner of veterans affairs ~~may~~ shall provide,
1.8 ~~within available funds and~~ upon request of a county veterans service officer or any
1.9 congressionally chartered veterans organization, an appropriate marker for the grave of any
1.10 veteran as defined under section 197.447. Any marker provided must be used for memorial
1.11 purposes to permanently mark the grave of a veteran buried within the limits of the state.

1.12 Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION.

1.13 \$..... in fiscal year 2026 and \$..... in fiscal year 2027 are appropriated from the general
1.14 fund to the commissioner of veterans affairs for the purposes of providing grave markers
1.15 under Minnesota Statutes, section 197.23, subdivision 1. This is an ongoing appropriation.