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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- RHODE ISLAND VETERANS'
MEMORIAL CEMETERY

Introduced By: Senators Morgan, Kettle, Lombardo, Raptakis, and Archambault

Date Introduced: February 09, 2016

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 30-25-14 of the General Laws in Chapter 30-25 entitled "Burial of
2 Veterans" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **30-25-14. Rhode Island veterans' memorial cemetery. --** The Rhode Island veterans'
4 memorial cemetery located on the grounds of the Joseph H. Ladd school in the town of Exeter
5 shall be under the management and control of the director of the department of human services.
6 The director of the department of human services shall appoint an administrator for the Rhode
7 Island veterans' memorial cemetery who shall be an honorably discharged veteran of the United
8 States Armed Forces and shall have the general supervision over and shall prescribe rules for the
9 government and management of the cemetery. He or she shall make all needful rules and
10 regulations governing the operation of the cemetery and generally may do all things necessary to
11 insure the successful operation thereof. The director shall promulgate rules and regulations, not
12 inconsistent with the provisions of 38 USCS section 2402, to govern the eligibility for burial in
13 the Rhode Island veterans' memorial cemetery. In addition to all persons eligible for burial
14 pursuant to rules and regulations established by the director, any person who served in the army,
15 navy, air force, or marine corps of the United States for a period of not less than two (2) years and
16 whose service was terminated honorably, shall be eligible for burial in the Rhode Island veterans'
17 memorial cemetery. The director shall appoint and employ all subordinate officials and persons
18 needed for the proper management of the cemetery. National Guard members who are killed in

1 the line of duty or who are honorably discharged after completion of at least twenty (20) years' of
2 service in the Rhode Island National Guard and their spouse shall be eligible for internment in the
3 Rhode Island Veterans' Memorial Cemetery. For the purpose of computing service under this
4 section, honorable service in the active forces or reserves shall be considered toward the twenty
5 (20) years of National Guard service. The general assembly shall make an annual appropriation to
6 the department of human services to provide for the operation and maintenance for the cemetery.
7 The director shall charge and collect a grave liner fee per interment of the eligible spouse and/or
8 eligible dependents of the qualified veteran equal to the Department's cost for the grave liner.
9 While on cemetery property, all dogs shall be leashed and the owner shall be required to clean up
10 any waste from the dog after completion of the visit. Any violation shall be punishable by a fine
11 of ten dollars (\$10.00).

12 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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