
SENATE BILL 5481

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1 AN ACT Relating to veterans' burials; and amending RCW 68.50.230.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 68.50.230 and 2005 c 365 s 146 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) Whenever any human remains shall have been in the lawful
6 possession of any person, firm, corporation, or association for a
7 period of ninety days or more, and the relatives of, or persons
8 interested in, the deceased person shall fail, neglect, or refuse to
9 direct the disposition, the human remains may be disposed of by the
10 person, firm, corporation, or association having such lawful possession
11 thereof, under and in accordance with rules adopted by the cemetery
12 board and the board of funeral directors and embalmers, not
13 inconsistent with any statute of the state of Washington or rule
14 adopted by the state board of health.

15 (2) If the department of veterans affairs certifies that the
16 deceased person was a veteran or the dependent of a veteran eligible
17 for interment at a federal or state veterans' cemetery, the person,
18 firm, corporation, or association in possession of the veteran's or
19 dependent's remains shall transfer the remains to the department of

1 veterans affairs. There shall be no liability of the person, firm,
2 corporation, or association transferring the veteran's or dependent's
3 remains to the department of veterans affairs according to the
4 provisions of this section. There shall be no liability of the state
5 of Washington or any of its employees or agents related to the transfer
6 of the veteran's or dependent's remains to the department of veterans
7 affairs.

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