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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2238

Page 1, line 1, after "A BILL" replace the remainder of the bill with "for an Act to amend and reenact section 23-06-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to providing military caskets for eligible deceased veterans.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 3 of section 23-06-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

3. If the deceased is not survived by an individual described by subsection 1 and did not leave sufficient means to defray funeral expenses, including the cost of a casket, the county social service board of the county in which the deceased had residence for county general assistance purposes or, if residence cannot be established, the county social service board of the county in which the death occurs shall employ some person to arrange for and supervise the burial or cremation. If the deceased was a resident or inmate of a public institution, the county in which the deceased was a resident for county general assistance purposes immediately before entering the institution shall employ a person to arrange for and supervise the burial or cremation. Each board of county commissioners may negotiate with the interested funeral directors or funeral homes regarding cremation expenses and burial expenses but the total charges for burial services, including transportation of the deceased to the place of burial, the grave box or vault, grave space, and grave opening and closing expenses, may not be less than one thousand five hundred dollars. If the deceased was a veteran as defined in section 37-01-40, the county social services board shall provide a military casket. The county social service board shall pay the charge for funeral expenses as negotiated by the board of county commissioners, less any amount left by the deceased to defray the expenses."

Renumber accordingly