

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	03-1954/1	Introduction Number	AB-42	Estimate Type	Corrected
Subject					
Eligibility for burial at vets cemetery					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill expands the eligibility to a veteran of the army or air national guard of any state, as long as the person was a resident of Wisconsin at the time of his or her death or entry or reentry into the service in the national guard and has 20 years or more service in the national guard, and the person's spouse, surviving spouse and dependent children. The dependent child would be under 18 years of age, or under the age of 26 if in full attendance at a recognized school of instruction, or of any age if the child is unmarried and is capable of self-support by reason of mental or physical disability.

The columbariums and pre-set crypts used for burials at the state's veteran cemeteries are 100% financed by the federal government. The state's veteran cemeteries charge a spousal/dependent burial fee of \$250, which increases the program revenue fund.

To date, only one veteran under the new eligibility requirement has applied for burial at a veterans' cemetery in Wisconsin. Based on past experience it is assumed that very few veterans and spouses/dependents would apply for burial under the provisions of this bill. As a result this bill would have virtually no fiscal effect.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications