



2015 SENATE BILL 518

January 7, 2016 - Introduced by Senators HARS DORF, MARKLEIN, VINEHOUT, OLSEN and RINGHAND, cosponsored by Representatives SKOWRONSKI, JARCHOW, MURTHA, PETRYK, GANNON, MACCO, HORLACHER, NOVAK, BALLWEG, KREMER, EDMING, R. BROOKS, E. BROOKS, MURPHY, T. LARSON, BRANDTJEN and KNODL. Referred to Committee on Transportation and Veterans Affairs.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 45.61 (2m) of the statutes; **relating to:** disposition of the
2 unclaimed cremated remains of veterans and their dependents.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires a funeral director, cemetery authority, or public officer having custody of unclaimed cremated remains to contact the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) or a county veterans service officer (CVSO) within 90 days after cremation to determine whether the cremated remains are of a veteran or other person eligible for burial at a veterans cemetery. If DVA or the CVSO determines that the cremated remains are of a veteran or other such person, the bill authorizes the funeral director, cemetery authority, or public officer to transfer the cremated remains to DVA for burial in a veterans cemetery. The bill also provides an exemption from civil liability for a person who transfers cremated remains to DVA under the bill, unless the transfer involves negligence or reckless, wanton, or intentional misconduct.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 45.61 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:

