

2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 293

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1 **AN ACT to create** 157.637 of the statutes; **relating to:** burial of veterans and
2 certain family members at cemeteries.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This law prohibits the owner or operator of a cemetery from prohibiting the burial of certain veterans and their spouses and dependent children at the cemetery if the person arranging the burial has the ability to reimburse the owner or operator for the burial. The veterans, spouses, and dependent children that are subject to the bill are those persons who are otherwise eligible for burial in a state veteran cemetery. Exempted from the bill's prohibition are cemeteries that are affiliated with religious societies.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 157.637 of the statutes is created to read:
4 **157.637 Veteran burials.** A cemetery authority of a cemetery, other than a
5 cemetery that is affiliated with a religious society organized under ch. 187, may not
6 prohibit the burial, as defined in s. 157.061 (1), of the human remains of a person

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1 specified in s. 45.358 (3) (a) to (g) at the cemetery if the person arranging the burial
2 has the ability to reimburse the cemetery authority for the burial.

3 (END)