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Comments

[NOTE: All citations to “Manual” in the comments below are to the Administrative Rules Procedures Manual, prepared by the Revisor of Statutes Bureau and the Legislative Council Staff, dated October 2002.]

5. Clarity, Grammar, Punctuation and Use of Plain Language

a. In s. VA 14.02 (1) (a), it is suggested that the phrase “in a veterans cemetery” be inserted after the word “member” on line 2.

b. The following comments pertain to s. VA 14.02 (1) (b):

1. By striking the word “unremarried” on line 2, it appears that any surviving spouse of a veteran, including a *remarried* surviving spouse, will be eligible for burial at a veterans cemetery for a fee. Is that the department’s intent? If so, that change should be mentioned in the analysis.

2. Is the average cost of a casket burial the average cost “in this state”? That phrase could be added for clarification. Also, how will that cost be determined and by whom?

3. The comma after “site” on line 4 should be replaced by the word “and.”

4. Since a specific fee amount will no longer be stated in the rule, how will people be made aware of the fee being charged at any given time and when an adjustment is made to the fee? The same comment applies to adjustments to the assessment in s. VA 14.02 (2).

c. Section VA 14.02 (1) (c) states that “a fee, *as determined under* par. (b)” (emphasis added) may be assessed for disinterment of a person currently interred in a veterans cemetery. Does this mean that the same fee would be charged for disinterment as is charged under par. (b)

for interment or does it mean that the same *process* would be used to set a disinterment fee as is used to set the interment fee under par. (b)?

d. In s. VA 14.02 (2), the comma after “niche” on line 3 should be replaced by the word “or.”