

LEGISLATIVE BILL 84

Approved by the Governor May 25, 1999

Introduced by Wickersham, 49; C. Peterson, 35; Smith, 48

AN ACT relating to veterans; to authorize creation of a state veteran cemetery system; to create a fund; and to provide duties.
Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. The Director of Veterans' Affairs may establish and operate a state veteran cemetery system consisting of a facility in Box Butte County and the Nebraska Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Hall County. The director may seek and expend private, state, and federal funds for the establishment and operation of the cemetery system. Any gift, bequest, or devise of real property for the cemetery system shall be subject to the approval requirements of section 81-1108.33 notwithstanding the value of the real property. All funds received for the cemetery system shall be remitted to the state treasurer for credit to the Veteran Cemetery Maintenance Fund. The director, with the approval of the Governor, may enter into agreements for cemetery maintenance. The director shall provide lots in the cemetery system for the interment of deceased veterans with an honorable discharge or its equivalent and their spouses, minor children, and unmarried adult children who were physically or mentally disabled and incapable of self-support. Section 12-501 does not apply to the state veteran cemetery system.

The Veteran Cemetery Maintenance Fund is created. Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

The director may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out this section. The rules and regulations shall include requirements for proof of residency, cost of burial if any, and standards for cemeteries, including decorations and headstones.