

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 1167 (Delegates Finifter and Conrov)

Economic Matters

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**Cemeteries - Veterans Organizations - Removable Decals on Headstones**

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The bill allows a State recognized veterans organization to affix a removable decal to the headstone of a deceased veteran that identifies the deceased as a veteran or member of that veterans group. The bill requires the veterans organization to make reasonable attempts to locate the burial space owner and maintain records of its attempts. If the owner is found the organization must obtain written permission to affix its decal. If after 180 days the owner cannot be located, then the veterans organization is permitted to affix its decal.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The bill would not directly affect government operations or finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Headstones may not be decorated without permission from the burial space owner.

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**Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs; Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation (Office of Cemetery Oversight); Department of Legislative Services

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