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**Senate Bill 57 - Funeral Establishments, Crematories, and Reduction Facilities -
Disposition of Unclaimed Remains – Veterans**

I am Senator Simonaire presenting SB 57 – Clarifications of Disposition of unclaimed veteran’s remains.

There is no opposition and I worked with stakeholders over interim on this consensus legislation.

I wanted to thank the Dept of Veterans and Military Families, and the State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors for their support letters on this legislation.

I worked on this section of law in 2021, so I am familiar with this area.

Due to multi-departmental oversight of crematories, laws related to this topic are required in both the Business Regulations and the Health Occupations articles.

Last year, both of these articles were not updated exactly, and this bill corrects that.

This bill adds the omitted section as it pertains to the transfer of unclaimed veterans remains:

The missing Health Occupation’s article provisions are put
Into the Business Regulations article

Also Adds omitted language from last year’s bill: ‘OR HYDROLYZED REMAINS’

From the Business Regulations 5-803
Into the Health Occupations 7-406

This bill simply corrects the omissions and brings the two complimentary articles into parity.

There is no opposition and no fiscal costs.

I ask for your favorable consideration.