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HB364 – State Veterans' Cemeteries – Interment - Favorable

Dear Chairwoman Wells, Vice Chair Kerr, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to present HB364 State Veterans' Cemeteries – Interment. This is the crossfile to Senator Simonaire's bill SB46. He worked with the Department of Veterans and Military Families, Department of Health, Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors and other military advocates on this consensus legislation.

This bill clarifies the different types of interment at our state veterans' cemeteries. Our state veteran cemeteries provide interment in graves or niches in a columbarium for veterans and their families.

Unlike our Business Regulations laws, the State Government laws regarding Veterans' Cemeteries were initially written exclusively with grave burials.

Specifically, what this bill does is:

1. Updates the State Government Article's Veterans' Cemetery laws to current standards and terminology, and
2. Also in a similar manner, it revises our laws that deal with unclaimed veterans' remains and their interment in Business Regulations and Health Occupations Article.

Again, this is consensus legislation, and I ask for your favorable consideration.

Yours truly,

Handwritten signature of Nicholas R. Kipke in blue ink.
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