

Chapter VA 14

STATE VETERANS CEMETERIES

VA 14.01 Definitions.

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VA 14.01 Definitions. In this chapter, the following terms shall have the designated meanings:

- (1) "Department" means the department of veterans affairs.
- (2) "Dependent child" has the meaning given in s. 45.01, Stats.
- (3) "Funeral director" has the meaning given in s. 445.01 (5), Stats.
- (4) "Guard or reserve member" has the meaning given in s. 45.61 (2) (d), Stats.
- (5) "Outer burial container" has the meaning given in s. 157.061 (11g), Stats.
- (6) "Veteran" has the meaning given in s. 45.01 (12), Stats.
- (7) "Veterans cemetery" means a cemetery operated by the department under the authority of s. 45.51 or 45.61, Stats.

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VA 14.02 Interment and disinterment fees and assessments. (1) **INTERMENT AND DISINTERMENT FEES.** The department may not assess a fee for the interment of a veteran, guard, or reserve member in a veterans cemetery. The department may assess the following fee for each interment or disinterment at a veterans cemetery:

- (b) A fee may be assessed for the interment of a dependent child or a veteran's spouse or surviving spouse in a veterans cemetery. The fee shall not exceed the average cost of a casket burial,

including the cost of opening and closing a grave site and setting a headstone, and administrative and equipment operation costs, as determined by the department based upon its costs. The department may periodically adjust the fee, upon 30 days notice, to reflect current costs. The department shall publish the notice and fee on its web site. The department may waive the fee for a veteran's spouse or surviving spouse who resides in a facility identified in s. 45.01 (12m) or 45.50, Stats., at the time of death, if the individual's estate is insufficient to pay the fee.

(c) A fee may be assessed for the disinterment of an individual currently interred in a veterans cemetery. The fee shall not exceed the average cost to the department of disinterring an individual. The department may periodically adjust the fee, upon 30 days notice, to reflect its current costs. The department shall publish the notice and fee on its web site.

(2) **ASSESSMENTS.** The department may assess the funeral director involved in an interment the amount necessary to reimburse the department for the cost of providing and installing an outer burial container. A funeral director may provide and install an outer burial container in lieu of paying that assessment. The department may periodically adjust the assessment, upon 30 days notice, to reflect current costs. The department shall publish the notice and assessment on its web site.

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