

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1311

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO VETERANS CEMETERIES; AMENDING CHAPTER 1, TITLE 65, IDAHO CODE,
2 BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 65-109, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE ELIGI-
3 BILITY REQUIREMENTS, TO PROVIDE FOR A SERVICE, TO PROVIDE FOR ALLOTTED
4 TIME OF SERVICE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR MILITARY BURIAL HONORS; AND DECLAR-
5 ING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

8 SECTION 1. That Chapter 1, Title 65, Idaho Code, be, and the same is
9 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-
10 ignated as Section 65-109, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

11 65-109. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS. (1) Eligibility for interment and
12 inurnment in the Idaho state veterans cemetery shall be in accordance with
13 national cemetery administration eligibility requirements and Idaho law.
14 The Idaho veterans cemetery shall ensure all veterans and entitled family be
15 honored in death with a service, regardless if the veterans cemetery is their
16 final resting place. Veterans cemetery funeral and memorial services shall
17 be offered with an allotted time to conduct the military burial honors.

18 (2) Military burial honors may include:

- 19 (a) The arrival of a caisson or funeral coach;
20 (b) The casket team escorting the casket to the grave;
21 (c) The stretching of the United States flag over the casket;
22 (d) The giving of a eulogy;
23 (e) A rifle volley;
24 (f) The playing of taps;
25 (g) The folding of the United States flag;
26 (h) The United States flag being presented to the next of kin;
27 (i) An opportunity for the family to say words; and
28 (j) A closing prayer.

29 SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby
30 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after
31 July 1, 2024.