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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **1597**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on State Government Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to veterans; removing state veterans cemetery burial fee for spouses and
1.3 dependents of eligible veterans; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section
1.4 197.236, subdivision 9.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 197.236, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 9. **Burial fees prohibited.** ~~The commissioner of veterans affairs shall establish a~~
1.8 ~~fee schedule, which may be adjusted from time to time, for the interment of eligible spouses~~
1.9 ~~and dependent children. The fees shall cover as nearly as practicable the actual costs of~~
1.10 ~~interment, excluding the value of the plot. The commissioner may waive the fee in the case~~
1.11 ~~of an indigent eligible person.~~

1.12 No plot or interment fees may be charged for the burial of ~~service members who die on~~
1.13 ~~active duty or eligible veterans, as defined in United States Code, title 38, section 101,~~
1.14 ~~paragraph (2) eligible persons under subdivision 8.~~