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HB1065, An Act to increase the maximum amount of dollars payable by the state to erect the headstone of a deceased veteran.

The bill would increase the maximum expense for setting a headstone from \$100 to \$200. The headstone must be provided from the United States government, and the veteran must have been a resident of South Dakota at least one year before entering into military service or at least one year before death. A claim would be filed with the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs (SDDVA) before the expense could be paid.

In the previous three fiscal years, SDDVA set an average of 263 headstones per year. The bill would set the maximum expense at \$200, and the cost to set 263 headstones at \$200 per headstone would be \$52,600. Currently, the base budget of SDDVA includes \$26,300 General Fund for the setting of headstones. SDDVA would need an additional \$26,300 from the General Fund for the increased expense in this bill.

SDDVA provided the data for this analysis.

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