



2021 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1206

Introduced by: **Representative** Dennert

1 **An Act to increase the allowable reimbursement for certain headstones for military**
 2 **personnel.**

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 **Section 1.** That § 33A-5-4 be AMENDED.

5 **33A-5-4. Headstone provided by federal government to be erected--**
 6 **Maximum expense--Time for claim.**

7 If a headstone is provided by the United States government for the purpose of
 8 marking the grave of a veteran who had been a resident of South Dakota for one year
 9 preceding entrance into military service or preceding death or if a memorial headstone or
 10 marker is provided by the United States government to commemorate any member of the
 11 armed forces of the United States dying in the service, whose remains have not been
 12 recovered or identified or were buried at sea, the veterans' service officer or field officer
 13 shall cause the headstone or memorial headstone or marker to be erected. The expense
 14 of erecting the headstone or memorial headstone or marker shall be paid by the state and
 15 may not exceed one hundred fifty dollars. No payment for the expense is allowed unless
 16 a claim is filed or presented to the Department of Veterans Affairs within one year
 17 subsequent to the date the headstone or memorial headstone or marker is erected.