

SENATE BILL 193

By Norris

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 46-6-101, relative to Tennessee Veterans' cemeteries.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated Section 46-6-101(b), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and replacing it with the following language:

(b) It is the legislative intent that the department, in consultation with the department of finance and administration and other appropriate state departments and agencies, shall within existing state resources, identify any available state owned real property and other available financial resources to establish a veterans' cemetery in each of the three (3) grand divisions of the state.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated Section 46-6-101, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

(c) The department of veterans' affairs is authorized to establish additional veterans' cemeteries, as needed, by using state resources in accordance with the planning criteria of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) and the National Cemetery Administration (NCA) in order to receive federal grant funding to assist with establishment of additional veterans' cemeteries.

SECTION 3 . This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.