



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 445

SENATE BILL NO. 793

By Rose, Massey

Substituted for: House Bill No. 442

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 46, Chapter 6 and Title 58, relative to the Major Trevor Joseph Act.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 46, Chapter 6, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) This section is known and may be cited as the "Major Trevor Joseph Act."

(b)(1) The department of veterans services shall provide burial services for a person who died in the line of duty or while on active duty with the United States armed forces, the Tennessee national guard, or the Tennessee air national guard and is being interred in a state veterans' cemetery on a date requested by the family members of the person if the department is given notice of the burial at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the burial service.

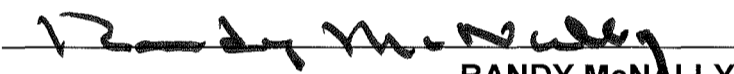
(2) No burial services may be provided pursuant to subdivision (b)(1) that are scheduled on legal holidays, as defined in § 15-1-101.

(3) Notwithstanding subdivisions (b)(1) and (2), the commissioner may authorize burial services to be provided on a weekday if a weekend burial cannot be held due to inclement weather, an emergency that directly affects the ability for persons to conduct a burial service, or other circumstances that would adversely affect the department's ability to provide burial services.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.


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PASSED: April 27, 2021


Randy McNally
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SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


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CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 13th day of May 2021


BILL LEE, GOVERNOR