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2	Introduced by Representatives Hooper of Burlington, Hooper of Montpelier,
3	Hooper of Randolph, Bancroft of Westford, Birong of
4	Vergennes, Brownell of Pownal, Brumsted of Shelburne,
5	Canfield of Fair Haven, Chase of Colchester, Christensen of
6	Weathersfield, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Colston
7	of Winooski, Demrow of Corinth, Donovan of Burlington,
8	Durfee of Shaftsbury, Fagan of Rutland City, Gannon of
9	Wilmington, Gardner of Richmond, Gregoire of Fairfield,
10	Harrison of Chittenden, Hashim of Dummerston, Jerome of
11	Brandon, Jessup of Middlesex, Kitzmiller of Montpelier,
12	LaClair of Barre Town, Macaig of Williston, Martel of
13	Waterford, McCullough of Williston, Mrowicki of Putney,
14	Notte of Rutland City, O'Brien of Tunbridge, O'Sullivan of
15	Burlington, Page of Newport City, Palasik of Milton, Patt of
16	Worcester, Potter of Clarendon, Redmond of Essex, Smith of
17	New Haven, Squirrell of Underhill, Terenzini of Rutland Town,
18	Troiano of Stannard, Walz of Barre City, and Yantachka of
19	Charlotte
20	Referred to Committee on
21	Date:

1	Subject: Internal security and public safety; health; deaths, burials, and
2	autopsies; Vermont Veterans Memorial Cemetery
3	Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to permit funeral
4	directors and crematory operators to have the cremated remains of a veteran be
5	interred at the Vermont Veterans Memorial Cemetery if the deceased veteran's
6	remains have not been claimed by a relative within 30 days after cremation.
7	An act relating to the disposition of the remains of veterans
8	It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:
9	Sec. 1. 20 V.S.A. § 1586 is added to read:
10	<u>§ 1586. INTERMENT OF UNCLAIMED REMAINS OF VETERANS</u>
11	(a) The Vermont Veterans Memorial Cemetery shall accept and inter the
12	unclaimed remains of a veteran if a funeral director or crematory operator has
13	determined pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 5230(b) that interment of the veteran's
14	remains in the Cemetery is appropriate.
15	(b) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall provide an
16	appropriate memorialization to mark the grave of each veteran who is interred
17	pursuant to this section.
18	Sec. 2. 18 V.S.A. § 5230 is amended to read:
19	§ 5230. RIGHTS OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR OR CREMATORY
20	OPERATOR

## BILL AS INTRODUCED 2019

1	(a) A funeral director or crematory operator may determine the final
2	disposition of remains and may file a civil action in Probate Division of the
3	Superior Court against a person, estate, banking institution, governmental
4	agency, or other entity which that may have liability for the final disposition,
5	either:
6	* * *
7	(b) A funeral director or crematory operator may determine that the
8	unclaimed cremated remains of a veteran shall be interred at the Vermont
9	Veterans Memorial Cemetery pursuant to 20 V.S.A. § 1586 if:
10	(1) 30 days have passed since the funeral director or crematory operator
11	cremated the remains; and
12	(2)(A) the funeral director or crematory operator has actual knowledge
13	that there is no surviving family member, guardian, or individual appointed to
14	arrange for the disposition of the decedent's remains pursuant to chapter 231 of
15	this title; or
16	(B) the funeral director or crematory operator has made reasonable
17	efforts to locate and contact any known family member, guardian, or agent.
18	Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE
19	This act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.