

House Study Bill 578 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____

BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
VETERANS AFFAIRS BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON CHAMBERS)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to interment rights of certain veterans
- 2 and their spouses in cemeteries owned and controlled by
- 3 governmental subdivisions.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 523I.304, subsection 7, Code 2011, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 7. A cemetery owned and controlled by a governmental
4 subdivision shall adopt and enforce a rule allowing any
5 veteran who is a landowner or who lives within the governmental
6 subdivision to purchase an interment space and to be interred
7 within the cemetery. The rule shall also allow any veteran who
8 purchases an interment space within the cemetery to purchase an
9 interment space for interment of the spouse of the veteran and
10 shall allow the surviving spouse of a veteran interred within
11 the cemetery to purchase an interment space and be interred
12 within the cemetery. For the purposes of this section,
13 "veteran" means the same as defined in section 35.1.

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EXPLANATION

15 This bill requires that a governmental subdivision allow a
16 veteran who purchases an interment space in a cemetery owned
17 and controlled by the governmental subdivision to purchase
18 space for the veteran's spouse and for the spouse to be
19 interred in the cemetery. The bill also allows the spouse of
20 a veteran already interred within such a cemetery to purchase
21 interment space for the spouse and for the spouse to be
22 interred in that cemetery. Current law only allows a veteran
23 to purchase an interment space for the veteran and for only the
24 veteran to be interred within the cemetery.