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SENATE FILE 2081
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing an annual appropriation to the department of
2 veterans affairs for the state veterans cemetery.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 35A.5, subsection 9, Code Supplement
2 2005, is amended to read as follows:

3 9. Establish and operate a state veterans cemetery and
4 make application to the government of the United States or any
5 subdivision, agency, or instrumentality thereof, for funds for
6 the purpose of establishing such a cemetery. There is
7 appropriated annually from the general fund of the state to
8 the department the sum of three hundred seventy-five thousand
9 dollars for the purpose of establishing and operating a state
10 veterans cemetery. The state may enter into agreements with
11 any subdivision of the state for assistance in operating the
12 cemetery. The state shall own the land on which the cemetery
13 is located. The department shall have the authority to accept
14 federal grant funds, funding from state subdivisions,
15 donations from private sources, and federal "plot allowance"
16 payments. All such funds shall be deposited into an account
17 dedicated to the establishment, operation, and maintenance of
18 a veterans cemetery and these funds shall be expended only for
19 those purposes. The department through the director shall
20 have the authority to accept suitable cemetery land, in
21 accordance with federal veterans cemetery grant guidelines,
22 from the federal government, state government, state
23 subdivisions, private sources, and any other source wishing to
24 transfer land for use as a veterans cemetery. Notwithstanding
25 section 8.33, any moneys in the account for a state veterans
26 cemetery shall not revert and, notwithstanding section 12C.7,
27 subsection 2, interest or earnings on moneys deposited in the
28 fund shall be credited to the account.

29 EXPLANATION

30 This bill appropriates \$375,000 annually to the department
31 of veterans affairs to establish and operate a state veterans
32 cemetery.

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