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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to veterans' burial allowances."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

* Sec. 1. AS 26.10 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 26.10.080. BURIAL ALLOWANCE. (a) The division of veterans' affairs shall pay a burial expense allowance not to exceed \$500 to the executor or heirs of a veteran who was a resident of the state at the time of ~~his~~ death, *upon application of such executor or heirs*

(b) Burial paid for under this section may not be in a cemetery or in a portion of a cemetery used exclusively for the burial of paupers.

(c) A person otherwise eligible for the burial allowance under (a) of this section shall receive the allowance even if he dies while temporarily absent from the state.

(d) In this section "veteran" means a person who is serving in a branch of the armed services of the United States or a person who has served in a branch of the armed services of the United States and was honorably discharged.

if the executor or heirs
VA benefit - \$450
up to \$950

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWELFTH LEGISLATURE

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. SB 146
 Title An Act Relating to Veterans' Burial Allowances.
 Requested by Bradley, Bennett, Dankworth, Kelly, Mulcahy, . . . Date 2-4-81

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected Department of Commerce & Economic Development
 Program Category Affected Economic Development
 BRU, Program, or Subprogram(s) Affected Division of Veterans' Affairs
 (Note: If more than one budget component is affected, separate line-item amounts and funding for each component in the analysis section.)
EXPENDITURES (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 81	FY 82	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86
100 PERSONAL SERVICES	1.9	2.1	2.2	2.4	2.6	2.8
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL	.5	.5	.6	.6	.7	.7
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.	150.0	155.0	156.0	160.0	165.0	170.0
TOTAL	152.4	157.6	158.8	163.0	168.3	173.5

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	152.4	157.6	158.8	163.0	168.3	173.5
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER (Specify Fund Source)	0	0	0	0	0	0

POSITIONS

FULL TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEMPORARY	0	0	0	0	0	0

III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instructions, Section III)

The following statistics were used: Death rate of 3.9 per 1,000 residents (Vital Statistics)
 Population growth 1970-1980 = 3.24% per year (Dept. of Labor-Research & Analysis)
 Estimate of 70,000-77,000 veterans in the State.

Death rate x estimated veteran population = 273-300 deaths per year.
 Estimate of 300 deaths times \$500 per claim = \$150,000 in claims.

An estimate of 30 minutes per claim by an Accounting Clerk III was used with some postage and telephone charges.

These costs are being budgeted separately from the Veterans' Revolving Loan Fund and will require funding from the General Fund.

IV. DATE February 9, 1981 PREPARED BY Don Hostak, Director
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