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AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE NEGLECTED  
CEMETERY ACCOUNT AND CONCERNING CARE AND  
MAINTENANCE OF WARTIME VETERANS' GRAVES.

As Amended by Senate "A" (LCO 5334)

Senate Calendar No.: 108

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## **OFA Fiscal Note**

### **State Impact:**

| Agency Affected               | Fund-Effect           | FY 27 \$ |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| Resources of the General Fund | GF - Transfer<br>from | 100,000  |
| Policy & Mgmt., Off.          | GF - Transfer to      | 100,000  |

Note: GF=General Fund

### **Municipal Impact:**

| Municipalities     | Effect                       | FY 27 \$  | FY 28 \$  |
|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| All Municipalities | Potential<br>Revenue<br>Gain | See Below | See Below |

### **Explanation**

The bill as amended transfers \$100,000 from the General Fund to the neglected cemetery account within the Office of Policy and Management (OPM). Municipalities may apply to OPM for grants from this fund to maintain the graves of wartime veterans.<sup>1</sup> This results in a potential revenue gain for municipalities beginning in FY 27 to the extent that they receive grants to maintain veterans' graves. It is anticipated that OPM can administer this account within available

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<sup>1</sup> This is an existing program that is funded from death certificate fees collected by the Department of Public Health. In 2025, approximately \$296,000 was awarded to municipalities.

resources.

Additionally, the bill as amended requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) to produce a form regarding veterans' graves that require upkeep and maintenance, and work with municipalities to ensure that they are taking the necessary steps to address noncompliance with the provisions of the bill. This does not result in a fiscal impact, as it is anticipated that DVA's can meet the requirements of the amendment within its current resources.

House "A" requires DVA to produce a form and work with municipalities to ensure compliance with the requirements of the bill.

### ***The Out Years***

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of towns that apply for grants to maintain veterans' graves.

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