



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 164

PRINTERS NO. 1723

PRIME SPONSOR: Staats

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2020/21	FY 2021/22
General Fund	\$0	\$0

**SUMMARY:** House Bill 164, Printer's Number 1723, requires notification to the county of legal residence at the time of death of a deceased serviceperson and provision of county contact information to the family of the deceased serviceperson.

**ANALYSIS:** This bill amends Title 51 (Military Affairs) by adding a new section related to burial benefits and the notice regarding a deceased serviceperson to the county. It states that a licensed funeral director, funeral entity or cemetery company shall notify the county veterans affairs director of the death within 96 hours of receipt of the remains of a deceased serviceperson who resided in the county at the time of death. The family of the deceased service person shall also be provided with the contact information for the county veterans affairs director. The notification requirements only apply to a cemetery company if it provides interment for the cremated remains of a deceased service person for whom a licensed funeral director or funeral entity provided no goods or services.

The bill also provides additional definitions for "cemetery company," "deceased serviceperson," "funeral entity" and "licensed funeral director."

This legislation would take effect in 60 days upon enactment.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Enactment of this legislation will have no impact on Commonwealth funds.

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*Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.*