

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 1139

PRINTER NO. 1473

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

April 2, 2024

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Mastriano

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 1139 amends Title 51 (Military Affairs) to provide for notice of Veterans' Affairs (VA) burial benefits for veterans.

Chapter 7 of Title 51 is amended by adding a new section 705.1 (relating to burial benefits) providing that a licensed funeral director, funeral entity or cemetery company shall, within 96 hours of receipt of the remains of a deceased serviceperson, notify the county veterans affairs director of the death of a deceased serviceperson having legal residence in the county at the time of death and provide the family of the deceased serviceperson with the contact information for the county director of veterans affairs.

These notification requirements only apply to a cemetery company if it provides interment for the cremated remains of a deceased serviceperson for whom a licensed funeral director or funeral entity provided no goods or services.

Additionally, the legislation defines "cemetery company," "deceased serviceperson," "funeral entity" and "licensed funeral director."

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Enactment of this legislation will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.