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Introduced by Representatives Hooper of Burlington, Hooper of Montpelier,
Hooper of Randolph, Bancroft of Westford, Birong of
Vergennes, Brownell of Pownal, Brumsted of Shelburne,
Canfield of Fair Haven, Chase of Colchester, Christensen of
Weathersfield, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Colston
of Winooski, Demrow of Corinth, Donovan of Burlington,
Durfee of Shaftsbury, Fagan of Rutland City, Gannon of
Wilmington, Gardner of Richmond, Gregoire of Fairfield,
Harrison of Chittenden, Hashim of Dummerston, Jerome of
Brandon, Jessup of Middlesex, Kitzmiller of Montpelier,
LaClair of Barre Town, Macaig of Williston, Martel of
Waterford, McCullough of Williston, Mrowicki of Putney,
Notte of Rutland City, O'Brien of Tunbridge, O'Sullivan of
Burlington, Page of Newport City, Palasik of Milton, Patt of
Worcester, Potter of Clarendon, Redmond of Essex, Smith of
New Haven, Squirrell of Underhill, Terenzini of Rutland Town,
Troiano of Stannard, Walz of Barre City, and Yantachka of
Charlotte

Referred to Committee on
Date:

1 Subject: Internal security and public safety; health; deaths, burials, and
2 autopsies; Vermont Veterans Memorial Cemetery

3 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to permit funeral
4 directors and crematory operators to have the cremated remains of a veteran be
5 interred at the Vermont Veterans Memorial Cemetery if the deceased veteran's
6 remains have not been claimed by a relative within 30 days after cremation.

7 An act relating to the disposition of the remains of veterans

8 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

9 Sec. 1. 20 V.S.A. § 1586 is added to read:

10 § 1586. INTERMENT OF UNCLAIMED REMAINS OF VETERANS

11 (a) The Vermont Veterans Memorial Cemetery shall accept and inter the
12 unclaimed remains of a veteran if a funeral director or crematory operator has
13 determined pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 5230(b) that interment of the veteran's
14 remains in the Cemetery is appropriate.

15 (b) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall provide an
16 appropriate memorialization to mark the grave of each veteran who is interred
17 pursuant to this section.

18 Sec. 2. 18 V.S.A. § 5230 is amended to read:

19 § 5230. RIGHTS OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR OR CREMATORY

20 OPERATOR

