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HOUSE BILL NO. 2798

Offered January 17, 2005

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 10.1-2211.2, relating to disbursement of funds for graves of veterans of the War of 1812.

Patron—Rust

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 10.1-2211.2 as follows:

§ 10.1-2211.2. Disbursement of funds appropriated for caring for War of 1812 cemeteries and graves.

A. At the direction of the Director, the Comptroller of the Commonwealth is instructed and empowered to draw annual warrants upon the State Treasurer from any sums that may be provided in the general appropriation act in favor of the Treasurer of the Society of the War of 1812 in the Commonwealth of Virginia (the Society) caring for cemeteries, graves, monuments, and markers for veterans of the War of 1812 as set forth in the Society's "Burial, Monument, and Marker Registry." Such sums shall be expended by the Society, including expenses to appropriate third parties for goods and services, for the routine maintenance of the cemeteries and graves, and in erecting and caring for markers, memorials, and monuments to the memory of such veterans. On or before July 15 of each year, the President of the Society shall submit to the Director a certified statement that the funds appropriated to the Society in the preceding fiscal year were or will be expended for the routine maintenance of the cemeteries and graves, and for the monuments and markers as specified in this section. If the Society fails to comply with any of the requirements of this section, it shall be prohibited from receiving moneys allocated under this section for all subsequent fiscal years until it fully complies with the requirements.

B. In addition to funds that may be provided pursuant to subsection A, the Society may apply to the Director for grants to perform extraordinary maintenance, renovation, repair, or reconstruction of any of the cemeteries and graves. These grants shall be made from any appropriation made available by the General Assembly for such purpose. In making such grants, the Director shall give full consideration to the assistance available from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, or other agencies, except in those instances where such assistance is deemed by the Director to be detrimental to the historical, artistic, or architectural significance of the site.

C. Local matching funds shall not be required for grants made pursuant to this section.

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