

## Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB479

House of Origin    ☐    Introduced        ☐    Substitute        ☐    Engrossed  
 Second House       ☐    In Committee    ☐    Substitute        ☒    Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Carrico

**3. Committee:** Passed Both Houses

**4. Title:**            **Department of Veterans Services; burial vaults at state-operated veterans cemeteries**

**5. Summary:** This bill provides that from such funds as may be appropriated or otherwise received for such purpose, the Department shall provide burial vaults at cost to eligible veterans and their family members interred at state-operated veterans cemeteries.

**6. Fiscal impact estimates:** Final.

**6a. Expenditure impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2010	-	-	-
2011	\$36,000	-	GF
2012	-	-	-
2013	-	-	-

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No.

**8. Fiscal implications:** The Department of Veterans Services (DVS) requires a one-time infusion of working capital to establish the burial vault program. An initial purchase of approximately 40 burial vaults will cost \$20,000. With the revenue received from the sales (at cost) of the initial vaults, the agency will purchase additional burial vaults.

In order to implement the program, the agency will also require one-time funding for the purchase of a specialized piece of equipment (known as a vault cart) for the Virginia Veterans Cemetery (Amelia). The vault cart will be used to transport the vaults from storage and place them in the ground. The Albert G. Horton, Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery (Suffolk) already has a vault cart and the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery (under construction in Dublin) is scheduled to have a vault cart.

DVS does not have existing resources to utilize for this purpose. The General Assembly included \$36,000 for this purpose in its amendments to HB30.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Department of Veterans Services.

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No.

**11. Other comments:** None.

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cc: Secretary of Public Safety