

Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1106-ER

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Alexander

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Unclaimed cremains of veterans; eligible dependents; veterans service organizations.

5. Summary: Authorizes a funeral director to notify a veterans service organization as an alternative to notifying the Department of Veterans Services (Department) when cremains remain unclaimed. The bill also requires the Department or a veterans service organization, in addition to determining if unclaimed cremains are those of a veteran as provided under current law, to determine if unclaimed cremains are those of a veteran's eligible dependent. The bill also authorizes a funeral director to transfer the cremains of an eligible veteran or his eligible dependent to a veterans service organization or the Department for the purpose of disposition of such cremains and provides that absent bad faith or malicious intent no funeral director or veterans service organization is liable for civil negligence for actions permitted under the law. The bill also changes from 30 days to 45 days the time in which the Department or veterans service organization is required to notify the funeral director if the cremains are those of a veteran or eligible dependent. The bill makes technical changes.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final.

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Department of Veterans Services, the bill is not expected to have a fiscal impact on the agency. If any cost is incurred, the agency will absorb the cost with existing resources.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Veterans Services

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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