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**HOUSE BILL NO. 1565**

Offered January 11, 2023

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*A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 1 of Title 44 an article numbered 14, consisting of a section numbered 44-122.1, relating to burial fees for military spouses.*

Patrons—Convirs-Fowler, Clark, Guzman, Jenkins, Kory, Murphy, Plum, Rasoul, Simon and Simonds;  
Senator: Bell

Referred to Committee on Appropriations

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 1 of Title 44 an article numbered 14, consisting of a section numbered 44-122.1, as follows:**

*Article 14.*

*Burial Fees for Military Spouses.*

**§ 44-122.1. Burial fees for military spouses.**

*From such funds as may be appropriated, the Commonwealth shall pay any burial fee charged for the burial at a veterans cemetery operated by the Department of Veterans Services of (i) a member of the National Guard and Reserve, (ii) a spouse of an active duty member or veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States or a spouse of a member of the National Guard and Reserve, or (iii) a surviving spouse of such member or veteran. The Department of Veterans Services shall develop guidelines for the administration of this section.*