## **2023 SESSION**

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| 1  | HOUSE BILL NO. 2362  |
| 2  | AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  |
| 3  | (Proposed by the House Committee on Appropriations   |
| 4  | on January 25, 2023)   |
| 5  | (Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Wiley)  |
| 6  | A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 1 of Title 44 an article numbered 14,        |
| 7  | consisting of a section numbered 44-122.1, relating to burial fees for military spouses.               |
| 8  | Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:   |
| 9  | 1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 1 of Title 44 an article numbered         |
| 10 | 14, consisting of a section numbered 44-122.1, as follows:   |
| 11 | Article 14.  |
| 12 | Burial Fees for Military Spouses.  |
| 13 | § 44-122.1. Burial fees for military spouses.  |
| 14 | From such funds as may be appropriated, the Commonwealth shall pay any burial fee charged for          |
| 15 | the burial at a veterans cemetery operated by the Department of Veterans Services of (i) a member of   |
| 16 | the National Guard and Reserve, (ii) a spouse of an active duty member or veteran of the Armed Forces  |
| 17 | of the United States or a spouse of a member of the National Guard and Reserve, or (iii) a surviving   |
| 18 | spouse of such member or veteran. The Department of Veterans Services shall develop guidelines for the |
| 19 | administration of this section.  |
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