



2023 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1065

Introduced by: **Representative Reisch**

1 **An Act to increase the maximum amount of dollars payable by the state to erect the**
 2 **headstone of a deceased veteran.**

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 **Section 1. That § 33A-5-4 be AMENDED:**

5 **33A-5-4.** If a headstone is provided by the United States government for the
 6 purpose of marking the grave of a veteran who had been a resident of South Dakota for
 7 one year preceding entrance into military service or preceding death or if a memorial
 8 headstone or marker is provided by the United States government to commemorate any
 9 member of the armed forces of the United States dying in the service, whose remains
 10 have not been recovered or identified or were buried at sea, the veterans' service officer
 11 or field officer shall cause the headstone or memorial headstone or marker to be erected.
 12 The expense of erecting the headstone or memorial headstone or marker ~~shall~~must be
 13 paid by the state and may not exceed ~~one~~two hundred dollars. No payment for the
 14 expense is allowed unless a claim is filed ~~or presented to~~with the Department of Veterans
 15 Affairs within one year ~~subsequent to~~of the date the headstone or memorial headstone or
 16 marker is erected.