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HB1054, An Act to provide a stipend for the erection of a private headstone for a deceased veteran.

This bill would give a \$100 stipend for the setting of a headstone that was privately purchased for a veteran's grave. The headstone would need to have certain engravings to qualify for the stipend and the veteran would need to be a resident of South Dakota one year before entering military service or one year before death. A claim would be filed to the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs (SDDVA) before the stipend can be paid.

In the past three fiscal years, there has been one veteran per year that was buried but elected not to get a headstone from the United States government. If the veteran's estate elected to get a private headstone that met the qualifications set forth in the bill, the cost to set the headstone would be \$100. SDDVA would need an additional \$100 from the General Fund to cover the expense in this bill.

SDDVA provided the data for this analysis.

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