

House Bill 1216

By: Representatives Birdsong of the 123rd, Walker of the 141st, Skipper of the 137th, Smyre of the 136th, Connell of the 115th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Part 3 of Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 38, relating to the Georgia Veterans Cemetery, so as to change its name to the Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Part 3 of Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 38, relating to the Georgia Veterans Cemetery, is amended by striking Code Sections 38-4-70 and 38-4-71, relating to establishment and control of the Georgia Veterans Cemetery, and inserting in their place new Code sections to read as follows:

"38-4-70.

(a) The Department of Veterans Service is authorized to establish, operate, and maintain a Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery in this state.

(b) The Department of Veterans Service has the primary responsibility for verifying eligibility for interment in the Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Eligibility criteria for interment in the Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery is the same as required for interment in a national cemetery as provided by federal law and rules and regulations applicable thereto; provided, however, that to be eligible for interment a veteran must have been a legal resident of Georgia for two years immediately prior to his or her death.

38-4-71.

(a) The Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery shall be under the control and administration of the Department of Veterans Service.

(b) Applications for interment in the Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery shall be processed in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the Department of Veterans Service."

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