



Alaska State Legislature

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Current Version: SB 182
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Fact Sheet for: Senate Bill 182

Short Title: STATE VETERANS' CEMETARY & FUND

Summary:

- Authorizes the state Department of Military and Veterans Affairs to create and maintain Alaskan veterans' cemeteries.
- Creates an Alaska veterans' cemetery fund in the general fund.

Benefits:

- Recognizes the growing need for cemetery space across the state.
- Helps spur development of a new veterans' cemetery in the Fairbanks area.

Background:

- Alaska is home to thousands of veterans. The number of war veterans from World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War will place a great strain on the existing veterans' cemeteries in our state. SB 182 addresses the issue by authorizing the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs to create and maintain additional veterans' cemeteries. It can also receive donations and grants, including land, for the creation of veterans' cemeteries. Any donated land will be considered state property.