

1 AN ACT relating to veterans' cemeteries.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 40.315 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall establish and maintain state veterans'
5 cemeteries in the Commonwealth for the purpose of providing for the interment of
6 Kentucky veterans of the United States Armed Forces and for their next of kin, as
7 determined by the department.

8 (2) ***The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall provide for the interment of veterans***
9 ***of the United States Armed Forces and for their next of kin, as determined by the***
10 ***department, with a connection to Kentucky, including but not limited to:***

11 ***(a) The veteran was born in Kentucky;***

12 ***(b) The veteran was a resident of Kentucky at the time of death;***

13 ***(c) The veteran was enlisted or stationed at a military installation in Kentucky***
14 ***at one (1) time; or***

15 ***(d) The veteran lived within a fifty (50) mile radius of Kentucky at the time of***
16 ***death.***

17 **(3)** The Kentucky state veterans' cemeteries shall be under the administrative authority
18 and control of the Department of Veterans' Affairs. The Department of Veterans'
19 Affairs may promulgate administrative regulations necessary to operate the
20 cemeteries in compliance with applicable state and federal statutes and regulations.

21 **(4)**~~(3)~~ The Department of Veterans' Affairs is authorized to seek federal and private
22 funding for the construction, renovation, and operation of Kentucky state veterans'
23 cemeteries.