

SENATE BILL No. 687

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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9 AN ACT relating to veterans; concerning the burial of unclaimed remains
10 of any veteran; amending K.S.A. 65-1732 and repealing the existing
11 section.
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13 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

14 Section 1. K.S.A. 65-1732 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-
15 1732. With respect to the cremation of dead bodies, as such term is
16 defined in subsection (5) of K.S.A. 65-2401 and amendments thereto, if
17 after a period of 90 days from the time of cremation the cremated remains
18 have not been claimed, the funeral establishment, branch establishment
19 or crematory may dispose of the cremated remains: (a) If the funeral
20 establishment, branch establishment or crematory has sent by certified
21 mail, return receipt requested, at least 30 days prior to the end of such
22 period of time to the last known address of the authorizing agent as de-
23 fined under K.S.A. 65-1760, and amendments thereto, a notice that such
24 remains will be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of this
25 section unless claimed prior to the end of the 90-day period of time; (b)
26 if the remains have not been claimed prior to the end of such period of
27 time. Such disposal shall include burial by placing the remains in a church
28 or cemetery plot, scatter garden, pond, or columbarium or otherwise dis-
29 posing of the remains as provided by rule and regulation of the board of
30 mortuary arts. Disposition may include the commingling of the cremated
31 remains with other cremated remains and thus the cremated remains
32 would not be recoverable. *In the case of the remains of any eligible veteran*
33 *or veteran's dependent, such disposal shall provide for transfer to the*
34 *Kansas commission on veterans affairs for burial in accordance with sec-*
35 *tion 2, and amendments thereto.*

36 New Sec. 2. (a) The Kansas commission on veterans affairs is au-
37 thorized to take possession of the unclaimed remains of any eligible vet-
38 eran or dependent for burial in the state system of veterans cemeteries
39 established pursuant to K.S.A. 73-1232, and amendments thereto.

40 (b) The Kansas adjutant general is authorized to assist in providing
41 personnel for military graveside services of such veteran burials and pro-
42 vide other reasonable assistance.

43 New Sec. 3. The board of mortuary arts shall notify all crematories

1 and funeral establishments of the authority to transfer the unclaimed
2 remains of any eligible veteran or dependent for burial in accordance
3 with section 2, and amendments thereto.

4 Sec. 4. K.S.A. 65-1732 is hereby repealed.

5 Sec. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
6 publication in the statute book.