

(iii) for [20] 2 years, unless, for a reason that the [Commission] DEPARTMENT finds compelling, the [Commission] DEPARTMENT waives the time period.

(g) To obtain a plot in a State veterans' cemetery, an applicant shall submit to the [Commission] DEPARTMENT an application on the form that the [Commission] DEPARTMENT provides.

(h) (1) In a plot that is allotted to a veteran, the [Commission] DEPARTMENT shall bury:

(i) the veteran; and

(ii) any member of the immediate family WHO IS AN ELIGIBLE SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT of the veteran if the family member can be buried in a space above or below the veteran OR IN THE NEXT AVAILABLE PLOT.

(2) (i) With each plot, the [Commission] DEPARTMENT shall provide [1] ONE grave liner [not to exceed \$100 in cost, subject to an annual increase of not more than 5 percent to allow for inflation].

(ii) For an eligible veteran, the [Commission] DEPARTMENT shall pay for the grave liner.

(iii) For an eligible [family member] SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT, the grave liner shall be paid for by the family or estate.

(i) (1) The [Commission] DEPARTMENT shall bury the veteran without charge.

(2) For burial of a member of the immediate family WHO IS AN ELIGIBLE SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT, the [Commission] DEPARTMENT may set a fee that does not exceed the cost of burial.

[9-914.] 9-907.

The [Commission] DEPARTMENT shall keep a registry of the graves of veterans AND FAMILY MEMBERS OF VETERANS who are buried in the State VETERANS CEMETERIES.

[9-915.] 9-908.

(a) In this section, "veterans' memorials and monuments" means:

(1) the Maryland Vietnam Veterans Memorial and Associated Land as established pursuant to Joint Resolution No. 22 of 1983;

(2) the Maryland Korean War Memorial and Associated Land as established pursuant to Joint Resolution No. 3 of 1985; and

(3) the Maryland World War II Memorial and Associated Land.

(b) There is a Veterans' Memorials and Monuments Program administered by the [Maryland Veterans Commission] DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.