

CHAPTER 718

(House Bill 259)

AN ACT concerning

Veterans Cemeteries - Grave Liners

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Veterans Commission to provide ~~without charge~~ grave liners for certain burial plots not to exceed a certain amount; providing for certain charges; providing for the prospective effect of this Act; and making this Act an emergency measure.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - State Government
Section 9-913(h)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1984 Volume and 1985 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - State Government

9-913.

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

[(1)] (I) the veteran; and

[(2)] (II) any member of the immediate family of the veteran if the family member can be buried in a space above or below the veteran.

(2) (I) WITH EACH PLOT, THE COMMISSION SHALL PROVIDE, WITHOUT--CHARGE, 1 GRAVE LINER NOT TO EXCEED \$50 \$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 SHALL PAY FOR THE GRAVE LINER.

(III) FOR AN ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBER, THE GRAVE LINER SHALL BE PAID FOR BY THE FAMILY OR ESTATE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect upon or application to any event or happening occurring prior to the effective date of this Act.