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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act making an annual appropriation to the commission of  
2 veterans affairs for the state veterans cemetery.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 35A.3, subsection 14, Code 2005, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 14. To establish and operate a state veterans cemetery and  
4 to make application to the government of the United States or  
5 any subdivision, agency, or instrumentality thereof, for funds  
6 for the purpose of establishing such a cemetery. There is  
7 appropriated from the general fund of the state to the  
8 commission for each fiscal year the sum of three hundred  
9 seventy-five thousand dollars for the purpose of establishing  
10 and operating a state veterans cemetery. The state may enter  
11 into agreements with any subdivision of the state for  
12 assistance in operating the cemetery. The state shall own the  
13 land on which the cemetery is located. The commission shall  
14 have the authority to accept federal grant funds, funding from  
15 state subdivisions, donations from private sources, and  
16 federal "plot allowance" payments. All such funds shall be  
17 deposited into an account dedicated to the establishment,  
18 operation, and maintenance of a veterans cemetery and these  
19 funds shall be expended only for those purposes. The  
20 commission through the executive director shall have the  
21 authority to accept suitable cemetery land, in accordance with  
22 federal veterans cemetery grant guidelines, from the federal  
23 government, state government, state subdivisions, private  
24 sources, and any other source wishing to transfer land for use  
25 as a veterans cemetery.

26 EXPLANATION

27 This bill appropriates \$375,000 annually to the commission  
28 of veterans affairs to establish and operate a state veterans  
29 cemetery.

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