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By Senators Roach, Winsley, Oke, Benton, Schow, Snyder, Heavey, Bauer and Rasmussen

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1 AN ACT Relating to county burial costs for indigent deceased
2 veterans; and amending RCW 73.08.070.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 73.08.070 and 1983 c 295 s 5 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 It shall be the duty of the legislative authority in each of the
7 counties in this state to designate some proper authority other than
8 the one designated by law for the care of paupers and the custody of
9 criminals who shall cause to be interred at the expense of the county
10 the body of any honorably discharged veterans as defined in RCW
11 41.04.005 and the wives, husbands, minor children, widows or widowers
12 of such veterans, who shall hereafter die without leaving means
13 sufficient to defray funeral expenses; and when requested so to do by
14 the commanding officer of any post, camp or chapter of any national
15 organization of veterans now, or which may hereafter be, chartered by
16 an act of congress or the relief committee of any such posts, camps or
17 chapters: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That such interment shall not cost
18 ((more)) less than three hundred dollars. If the deceased has
19 relatives or friends who desire to conduct the burial of such deceased

1 person, then upon request of said commander or relief committee a sum
2 not ((~~to exceed~~)) less than three hundred dollars shall be paid to said
3 relatives or friends by the county treasurer, upon due proof of the
4 death and burial of any person provided for by this section and proof
5 of expenses incurred.

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