WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1979

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SENATE BILL NO. 551

(By Mr. Harmon)

PASSED March 8, 1979

In Effect ninety days from Passage
AN ACT to amend chapter nine-a of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated article three, relating to the establishment of a veterans' cemetery by the department of veterans affairs; establishment of a national cemetery or expansion of an existing national cemetery.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That chapter nine-a of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new article, designated article three, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 3. STATE CEMETERY FOR VETERANS.

§9A-3-1. State cemetery for veterans.

1 The department of veterans affairs is hereby empowered to establish and maintain a state veterans' cemetery which shall be centrally located within the state and easily accessible. Interment in the state veterans' cemetery shall be available to all persons who are residents and citizens of the state and who have served in the armed forces of the United States, including the army, air force, navy, marine corps and coast guard, and who have a discharge other than dishonorable.

2 Further, the department of veterans affairs is hereby granted authority to acquire and transfer real property to the United States veterans administration contingent upon the utilization of such real property by that federal...
agency for the establishment of a new national cemetery or for the expansion of an existing national cemetery.

For the purposes set forth in this article the department of veterans affairs is hereby authorized to receive funds by gift, grant, appropriation or by any other means from any source available or to become available.

§9A-3-2. Department to promulgate rules and regulations and make facilities available.

The department shall promulgate rules and regulations not inconsistent herewith for the administration of the veterans' cemetery and shall make available to all persons eligible for the benefit thereof the facilities at such cemetery upon request.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

James L. Davis  
Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

To take effect ninety days from passage.

J. C. Sills  
Clerk of the Senate

O. C. blandford  
Clerk of the House of Delegates

W. B. Blanding  
President of the Senate

Clyde W. Beck  
Speaker House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 27
day of March 1979.

John Rhodes  
Governor