Dear Senators DARRINGTON, Richardson & Burkett, and Representatives CLARK, Leon Smith & Boe:

The Legislative Services Office, Research and Legislation, has received the enclosed rules of the Division of Veterans Services:

IDAPA 21.01.04 - Rules Governing the Idaho State Veterans

Cemetery (Docket #21-0104-0801) - Fee Rule.

Pursuant to Section 67-454, Idaho Code, a meeting on the enclosed rules may be called by the cochairmen or by two (2) or more members of the subcommittee giving oral or written notice to Research and Legislation no later than fourteen (14) days after receipt of the rules' analysis from Legislative Services. The final date to call a meeting on the enclosed rules is no later than 6-30-08. If a meeting is called, the subcommittee must hold the meeting within forty-two (42) days of receipt of the rules' analysis from Legislative Services. The final date to hold a meeting on the enclosed rules is 7-29-08.

The germane joint subcommittee may request a statement of economic impact with respect to a proposed rule by notifying Research and Legislation. There is no time limit on requesting this statement, and it may be requested whether or not a meeting on the proposed rule is called or after a meeting has been held.

To notify Research and Legislation, call 334-2475, or send a written request to the address or FAX number indicated on the memorandum enclosed.

## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Rules Review Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committee and

the House Judiciary, Rules & Administration Committee

**FROM:** Research & Legislation Staff - Katharine Gerrity

**DATE:** June 10, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Division of Veterans Services

IDAPA 21.01.04 - Rules Governing The Idaho State Veterans Cemetery

(Docket #21-0104-0801)

The Division of Veterans Services submits notice of proposed rule at IDAPA 21.01.04 - Rules Governing The Idaho Veterans Cemetery. According to the Division, the proposed changes will clarify fees for interment, disinterment, and reinterment as the amount of reimbursement paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. The Division notes that the changes will maintain the ability of applicants to determine the fee quickly while allowing the Division to recoup the full amount of federal funds available for its services. We contacted the Division about one specific aspect of the fee change that does not include language relating to reimbursement from Veterans Affairs. That fee is reflected in IDAPA 21.01.04.024.01.b and specifically applies to an additional fee for preparation of an interment site not containing a pre-placed crypt. The fee is being increased from \$300 to \$500. This fee is not covered by Veterans Affairs and essentially represents the cost to the Division of purchasing a vault. The change to the rule reflects the increase in the cost of vaults. The Division also noted that if the family purchases their own vault there is no additional charge. We have no other specific comments relating to this proposed rule.

The rule appears to be authorized by Section 65-202, Idaho Code.

cc: Division of Veterans Services

David E. Brasuell & Jim Adams

### **IDAPA 21 - DIVISION OF VETERANS SERVICES**

# 21.01.04 - RULES GOVERNING THE IDAHO STATE VETERANS CEMETERY **DOCKET NO. 21-0104-0801 (FEE RULE)**

#### **NOTICE OF RULEMAKING - PROPOSED RULE**

AUTHORITY: In compliance with Section 67-5221(1), Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that this agency has initiated proposed rulemaking procedures. The action is authorized pursuant to Section 65-202, Idaho Code.

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE: Public hearing(s) concerning this rulemaking will be scheduled if requested in writing by twenty-five (25) persons, a political subdivision, or an agency, not later than July 16, 2008.

The hearing site(s) will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Requests for accommodation must be made not later than five (5) days prior to the hearing, to the agency address below.

**DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY:** The following is a nontechnical explanation of the substance and purpose of the proposed rulemaking:

Defining the fees for interment, disinterment, and reinterment as the amount of reimbursement paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs maintains the ability of applicants to determine the fee quickly while allowing the Division to recoup the full amount of federal funds available for its services. The rule changes clarify the fees for interment, disinterment, and reinterment as the amount of reimbursement paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

**FEE SUMMARY:** The following is a specific description of the fee or charge imposed or increased:

The fees for interment, disinterment, and reinterment are the amount of reimbursement paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. The Division will receive additional funds to cover the costs of interment, disinterment, and reinterment.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The following is a specific description, if applicable, of any negative fiscal impact on the state general fund greater than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) during the fiscal year resulting from this rulemaking:

This rule change will not negatively impact the state general fund.

**NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING:** Pursuant to IDAPA 04.11.01.811, negotiated rulemaking was not conducted because of the simple nature of defining fees as the federal reimbursement for the services.

ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS: For assistance on technical questions concerning the proposed rule, contact Jim Adams, Administrative Support Manager, (208) 246-8770.

Anyone may submit written comments regarding this proposed rulemaking. All written comments must be directed to the undersigned and must be delivered on or before July 23, 2008.

DATED this 28th day of May, 2008.

David E. Brasuell, Administrator Division of Veterans Services 320 Collins Road Boise, ID 83702 Phone: (208) 334-351

Fax (208) 334-2627

## THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF DOCKET NO. 21-0104-0801

<b>024.</b> The Adr		OR INTERMENT, DISINTERMENT, AND REINTERMENT. or shall charge the following fees:	(3-16-04)
	01.	Interment.	(3-30-06)
shall acc	cept, as fu	The Administrator shall charge a fee of three hundred dollars (\$300) equal to the the sement for opening and closing an interment site containing a pre-placed crypt. The Admill payment the amount of reimbursement by the USDVA to the Division for opening and entaining a pre-placed crypt for a qualified veteran.	ninistrator
a fee of	<b>b.</b> three five	In addition to the fee charged under Paragraph $024_{7.0}$ 01.a. of this rule, the Administrator she hundred dollars (\$\frac{3}{5}00\$) for preparation of an interment site not containing a pre-placed of $(3-30-1)^{-3}$	nall charge crypt. <del>06)</del> ()
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