



AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF STATE VETERANS' CEMETERIES; AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS TO DESIGNATE A COUNTY VETERANS' CEMETERY AS A STATE VETERANS' CEMETERY SUBJECT TO BOARD CERTIFICATION; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; AMENDING SECTION 10-2-601, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

**Section 1.** Section 10-2-601, MCA, is amended to read:

**"10-2-601. State veterans' cemeteries.** (1) The board shall establish and operate state veterans' cemeteries, except as provided in subsection (4).

(2) A cemetery must be located at Fort William Henry Harrison in Lewis and Clark County, Montana, and at Miles City. A cemetery may be located in Missoula County and in Yellowstone County if funding allows.

(3) The board may establish additional state veterans' cemeteries only as funding allows.

(4) (a) The board may designate a veterans' cemetery established pursuant to [section 1 of Senate Bill No. 21] as a state veterans' cemetery if:

(i) the legislature has authorized the cemetery pursuant to subsection (2) or (3); and

(ii) the board certifies that the cemetery is operated and maintained under the same standards and interment eligibility criteria as required for a state veterans' cemetery established by the board.

(b) A cemetery designated under this subsection (4) as a state veterans' cemetery must be recognized and identified as a state veterans' cemetery on official state maps, in other appropriate state publications and websites, and on appropriate state road signs."

**Section 2. Appropriation.** There is appropriated \$1 from the general fund to the department of military affairs for fiscal year 2008.

**Section 3. Contingent voidness.** If Senate Bill No. 21 is not passed and approved, then [this act] is void.

**Section 4. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2007.

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I hereby certify that the within bill,  
HB 0096, originated in the House.

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Speaker of the House

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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President of the Senate

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

HOUSE BILL NO. 96

INTRODUCED BY K. KERNS, M. LANGE

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