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**PRIVATE CEMETERY: MEMORIAL
FLAGS FOR VETERANS**

House Bill 4006

Sponsor: Rep. David Anthony

**Committee: Senior Citizens and Veterans
Affairs**

Complete to 11-21-96

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4006 AS INTRODUCED 1-11-96

Currently, if a veteran of the U.S. armed forces is buried in a private cemetery, a family member must request a memorial flag from the cemetery for placement at the veteran's grave for Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, and Veteran's Day. The act requires the cemetery to provide a flag no larger than 12 inches by 18 inches, and is responsible for the cost and maintenance of the flag. The family member is responsible for placement and removal of the flag, and can supply a flag holder if he or she wishes to. In addition, the request for a memorial flag must include the location of the grave. House Bill 4006 would amend Public Act 63 of 1915 to eliminate the language requiring the family member to request the flag and place and remove the flag at the veteran's grave. In effect, the bill would require the private cemetery to provide, place, and remove a memorial flag for a veteran of the armed services that is buried in the cemetery.

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