



# HOUSE BILL 250: Public Safety/Other Changes, Sec. 8: Remove Veterans Burial Residency Requirement

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**OVERVIEW:** Section 8 of S.L. 2024-43 removes the residency requirement for veterans and their family members to be eligible for internment at a State veterans cemetery.

*This section became effective July 8, 2024.*

**CURRENT LAW:** Article 8A of Chapter 65 of the General Statutes governs the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs' State Veterans Cemetery Program (Program), which provides a free burial plot at a State veterans cemetery to any qualified veteran and their legal spouse (and dependents under certain conditions).

To be eligible for the Program, a veteran must meet the following criteria:

- Be discharged under honorable conditions.
- Be a legal resident of North Carolina at the time of death, for a period of at least 10 years, or at the time he or she entered the U.S. Armed Forces.

To be a legal resident of North Carolina, a veteran must satisfy the following conditions:

- Have his or her principal residence or abode in the State.
- Use the State to establish his or her right to vote and other state rights.
- Intend to live in the State, excluding maintenance of a legal residence in any other state.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** Section 8 of S.L. 2024-43 provides for the burial of veterans, who are discharged under honorable conditions, and eligible family members at a State veterans cemetery without requiring that veterans be legal residents of North Carolina.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Section 8 of S.L. 2024-43 became effective July 8, 2024.

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