

HB 1208 -- RIGHT OF SEPULCHER FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL

SPONSOR: Day

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Veterans by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill adds a person designated by an active duty military member on the United States Department of Defense Form 93, Record of Emergency Data, to the term next-of-kin as it relates to the common law right of sepulcher in choosing and controlling the final disposition of a person who died while on active duty.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2011, FY 2012, and FY 2013.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill clarifies the statutes recognizing the Department of Defense Form 93.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Day; Dewey Rhein, Missouri Association of Veterans Organizations; Missouri Funeral Directors and Embalmers Association; and Lynn Dorrall, American Legion, Department of Missouri.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.