

**One Hundred Fourth Legislature - First Session - 2015**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB146**

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**Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Date of Hearing: January 29, 2015**

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 146 establishes a voluntary process for funeral homes to work with veteran service organizations to locate, identify and inter unclaimed cremated remains of veterans and their dependents for the purposes of burial in a veteran cemetery.

Veteran service organizations must have a 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(19) status, be organized for the benefit of veterans burial and interment, and be recognized by the Memorial Affairs Division of the United States Department of Veteran Affairs or the Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs.

Eligible veteran service organizations must make reasonable efforts to locate the authorizing agent and must possess the remains for a period of no less than one year before interment of the remains. The remains cannot be scattered.

Funeral homes who use this process must keep a record identifying the veteran service organization who received the remains of each veteran or dependent for a minimum of five years.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Sue Crawford**