

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 409

Introduced by Assembly Member Quirk-Silva

February 9, 2017

An act to amend Section 1410 of the Military and Veterans Code, relating to veterans cemeteries.

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AB 409, as introduced, Quirk-Silva. Southern California Veterans Cemetery.

Existing law establishes the Department of Veterans Affairs. Existing law requires the department, in voluntary cooperation with local government entities in Orange County, to design, develop, construct, and equip a state-owned and state-operated Southern California Veterans Cemetery, located at the site of the former Marine Corps Air Station El Toro.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 1410 of the Military and Veterans Code
- 2 is amended to read:
- 3 1410. (a) (1) The department, in voluntary cooperation with
- 4 local government entities in Orange County pursuant to Section
- 5 1412, shall design, develop, construct, and equip a state-owned
- 6 and state-operated Southern California Veterans Cemetery, which

1 shall be located at the site of the former Marine Corps Air Station
2 El-Toro, ~~Toro~~ Toro on 125 acres known as the Amended and Restated
3 Development Agreement Site in the Great Park in the City of
4 Irvine.

5 (2) The department shall oversee and coordinate the design,
6 development, and construction of the cemetery.

7 (3) For purposes of this chapter, “department” means the
8 Department of Veterans Affairs.

9 (b) (1) Subject to the eligibility requirements described in
10 Section 2402 of Title 38 of the United States Code, as amended
11 from time to time, honorably discharged veterans, their spouses,
12 and eligible dependent children are eligible for interment in the
13 cemetery. The department shall establish a fee to be charged for
14 interment of veteran spouses and eligible dependent children. The
15 amount of the fee shall not exceed the reasonable costs to the
16 department for interment in the cemetery.

17 (2) Subject to Section 1418, for the purposes of this subdivision,
18 the department shall adopt regulations to specify the eligibility
19 requirements for interment in the cemetery.

20 (3) All fees received pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be deposited
21 in the Southern California Veterans Cemetery Perpetual
22 Maintenance Fund created pursuant to *subdivision (c) of* Section
23 1412.