

# HOUSE BILL No. 6385

August 30, 2006, Introduced by Reps. Bennett, Miller, Gonzales, Mayes, Farrah, Byrum, Anderson and Sak and referred to the Committee on Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security.

A bill to amend 1915 PA 63, entitled

"An act to provide for the furnishing of suitable flag holders and United States flags for the graves of veterans who served in the armed forces of the United States for the marking and designation of the graves for memorial purposes; and to provide a penalty for the removal or destruction of the flag holders and United States flags when placed,"

by amending section 2a (MCL 35.832a), as added by 1988 PA 263.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 2a. (1) A privately owned cemetery, upon the request of  
2 a family member of a veteran of the armed forces of the United  
3 States who is buried within the cemetery **OR A RECOGNIZED VETERANS**  
4 **ORGANIZATION**, shall provide a suitable United States flag not  
5 larger than 12 inches by 18 inches, at the cemetery's expense, for  
6 the grave of the veteran. The cemetery shall be responsible for the

1 cost and maintenance of the United States flag.

2 (2) A privately owned cemetery shall provide the United States  
3 flags required under subsection (1) for placement during Memorial  
4 day, the fourth of July, and Veterans day, and may, but shall not  
5 be required to, provide the United States flags during any other  
6 times of the year.

7 (3) A request to a privately owned cemetery under this section  
8 shall include the location of the grave of the veteran for whom a  
9 United States flag is to be provided. The family member ~~who~~ OR  
10 **RECOGNIZED VETERANS ORGANIZATION THAT** makes the request is  
11 responsible for placing the United States flag on the grave of the  
12 veteran, and may supply and use, at his or her own expense, a  
13 suitable flag holder. The privately owned cemetery is not  
14 responsible for placing the United States flag or flag holder on  
15 the grave of the veteran. The privately owned cemetery may remove  
16 the flag and flag holder if they are not removed by the family  
17 member ~~who~~ OR **RECOGNIZED VETERANS ORGANIZATION THAT** made the  
18 request.

19 (4) In the case of a mausoleum or other burial chamber  
20 containing the graves of more than 1 veteran, a privately owned  
21 cemetery need only supply 1 United States flag for placement at the  
22 mausoleum or burial chamber to memorialize all of those veterans'  
23 graves.