

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
1987 SESSION

CHAPTER 183  
HOUSE BILL 283

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF VETERANS CEMETERIES.

Whereas, North Carolina has more than 680,000 veterans of military service;  
and

Whereas, those veterans are deserving of the opportunity to be buried in a veterans cemetery in recognition of their service to our country; and

Whereas, by 1992, all of the four national cemeteries in North Carolina will be filled, with the Wilmington cemetery being filled and closed at the end of 1986; and

Whereas, the Veterans Administration has now gone to a regional concept for national cemeteries, with the nearest such facility being in the state of Alabama; and

Whereas, veterans are deserving of being buried in close proximity to where their families and friends live and to not have to be transported to Alabama for burial;  
and

Whereas, the Veterans Administration now has a dollar-for-dollar match program to encourage states to build veterans cemeteries; and

Whereas, 11 states have taken advantage of this program for the benefit of their veterans; and

Whereas, the United States Government owns sufficient land in North Carolina, especially in the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> United States Congressional Districts, that may be transferred to the State for development as veterans cemeteries; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**Section 1.** Chapter 65 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new Article 8A as follows:

"Article 8A.

"Veterans Cemeteries.

"§ 65-41. **Land acquisition.** – The State may accept land for the establishment of not more than three veterans cemeteries.

"§ 65-42. **Location of cemeteries.** – These veterans cemeteries may be located in those regions of the State with a high concentration of veterans including the 3rd, 7th and 11th United States Congressional Districts."

**Sec. 2.** This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 14th day of May, 1987.