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HOUSE BILL DRH40405-NO-63

Short Title: Memorials in Veterans Cemeteries. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Shepard.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE SALE OF MONUMENTS AND MEMORIALS BY STATE  
3 VETERANS CEMETERIES TO HONOR THOSE INTERRED WITHIN.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. Article 8A of Chapter 65 of the General Statutes is amended by adding  
6 a new section to read:

7 "**§ 65-43.7. Sale of monuments and memorials.**

8 (a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, State veterans cemeteries shall make  
9 available for purchase monuments and memorials honoring those interred therein for placement  
10 within the cemetery.

11 (b) As used in this section, the term "monuments and memorials" shall include, but not  
12 be limited to, memorial trees, granite or marble markers, and granite or marble benches. The term  
13 shall not include headstones.

14 (c) The State veterans cemeteries may require that the monuments and memorials offered  
15 for sale under this section meet all stylistic guidelines or requirements of the cemetery but may  
16 not completely or effectively prohibit the sale of monuments and memorials under this section.

17 (d) The State veterans cemeteries shall not charge more than the market rate for  
18 monuments and memorials sold under this section.

19 (e) The proceeds from the sale of monuments and memorials under this section shall be  
20 retained by the State veterans cemetery that sells them and be used solely for the purpose of  
21 maintaining, improving, or caring for that cemetery."

22 SECTION 2. This act becomes effective October 1, 2025.

