

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 12, 2016

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2561

Introduced by Committee on Veterans Affairs

February 19, 2016

An act to amend Section 1457 of the Military and Veterans Code, relating to military and veterans, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2561, as amended, Committee on Veterans Affairs. ~~Veterans'~~ *Veterans* cemeteries.

Existing law provides for the design, development, and construction of a state-owned and state-operated ~~veterans'~~ *veterans* cemetery at the site of the former Fort Ord. Existing law establishes the California Central Coast State Veterans Cemetery at Fort Ord Endowment Fund, which is available upon appropriation by the Legislature for design, construction, and maintenance costs of the cemetery. Existing law authorizes the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to accept donations to be used for the maintenance or beautification of the ~~veterans'~~ *veterans* cemetery. Existing law further requires that those donations be deposited in the endowment fund.

This bill would establish the California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Project Donation Fund, and would require that donations for the cemetery *for a purpose specified by the donor instead* be deposited in the fund, and be expended for the ~~maintenance and repair of the cemetery or for a specified veterans cemetery maintenance or beautification project.~~ *specific veterans cemetery maintenance or beautification project designated by the donor.* This bill would continuously appropriate the fund to the department for these purposes.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 1457 of the Military and Veterans Code
2 is amended to read:
3 1457. (a) Notwithstanding Section 11005 of the Government
4 Code, the veterans cemetery administrator may, subject to the
5 approval of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, accept donations of
6 personal property, including cash or other gifts, to be used for the
7 maintenance or beautification of the veterans cemetery.
8 ~~(b) Donations in the form of cash shall be deposited in the~~
9 ~~California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Project Donation~~
10 ~~Fund, which is hereby created in the State Treasury, and shall be~~
11 ~~expended for the maintenance and repair of the veterans cemetery~~
12 ~~or for a specified veterans cemetery maintenance or beautification~~
13 ~~project designated by the donor.~~
14 *(b) Donations in the form of cash that do not have a purpose*
15 *specified by the donor shall be deposited in the Endowment Fund,*
16 *and shall be expended for the maintenance and repair of the*
17 *veterans cemetery upon appropriation by the Legislature.*
18 *(c) Donations in the form of cash for a purpose specified by the*
19 *donor shall be deposited in the California Central Coast Veterans*
20 *Cemetery Project Donation Fund, which is hereby created in the*
21 *State Treasury, and shall be expended for the specified veterans*
22 *cemetery maintenance or beautification project designated by the*
23 *donor.*
24 ~~(e)~~
25 *(d) Notwithstanding Section 13340 of the Government Code,*
26 *donations deposited to the credit of the California Central Coast*
27 *Veterans Cemetery Project Donation Fund as authorized by this*
28 *section subdivision (c) shall be continuously appropriated to the*
29 *department, without regard to fiscal year.*

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