



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HONOLULU

NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
GOVERNOR

July 1, 2014

**GOV. MSG. NO. 1300**

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim,  
President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki,  
Speaker and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kim, Speaker Souki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on July 1, 2014, the following bill was signed into law:

HB1564 HD1 SD1 CD1

RELATING TO VETERANS  
**ACT 197 (14)**

Sincerely,

NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
Governor, State of Hawaii

Approved by the Governor

on JUL 1 2014

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE, 2014  
STATE OF HAWAII

**ACT 197**

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VETERANS.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. Section 363-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:  
3           "**§363-5 Councils' responsibility; burial of service**  
4 **members, veterans, and dependents[-]; office of veterans'**  
5 **services approval.** (a) The councils of the counties of Hawaii,  
6 Kauai, and Maui shall each provide for the establishment of the  
7 veterans cemetery or cemeteries to be located within their  
8 respective counties, which includes grading, filling, leveling,  
9 platting, paving of roadways and walks, installation of curbs,  
10 building of fences, planting of grass, trees and shrubs,  
11 erection of memorial buildings and monuments, and building of  
12 other necessary or convenient structures, and shall make  
13 provisions for the maintenance and upkeep of the cemetery or  
14 cemeteries. The councils shall each provide for the interment  
15 of the remains, of:  
16           (1) Service members who died while in the armed forces of  
17           the United States;



- 1           (2) Eligible veterans who entered military service after  
2           September 7, 1980, as an enlisted person, or after  
3           October 16, 1980, as an officer, and served a minimum  
4           of twenty-four continuous months or the full period  
5           for which the person was called to active duty, as in  
6           the case of a reservist;
- 7           (3) Eligible veterans who were discharged under conditions  
8           other than dishonorable of the armed forces of the  
9           United States with either peacetime or wartime  
10          service; and
- 11          (4) The wife, husband, minor children, or unmarried  
12          disabled adult children, who predecease a service  
13          member or veteran who would be entitled to interment,  
14          in any state veterans cemetery.
- 15          The cost of transportation of the remains to the county of  
16          interment shall be borne by the family or estate of the  
17          deceased.
- 18          (b) The determination of eligibility for burial within any  
19          state veterans cemetery shall be in accordance with current  
20          Veterans Affairs and National Cemeteries Administration  
21          Regulations.
- 22          (c) Prior to any county action that may:



1        (1) Have an adverse financial impact upon the State's  
2                fiscal obligation to establish and maintain veterans  
3                cemeteries; or

4        (2) Impair or conflict with federal requirements that are  
5                a prescribed condition for the allocation of federal  
6                funds,

7        the county shall obtain approval of the action from the office  
8        of veterans' services. In the event of any disagreement between  
9        any county and the office of veterans' services over whether  
10       this subsection applies, the decision of the office of veterans'  
11       services shall control."

12       SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
13       and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

14       SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

APPROVED this 1 day of JUL , 2014

  
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

