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Senator Gianaris Bill to Provide Proper Burial for Unclaimed Veterans Remains Passes Senate

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ALBANY, N.Y. – Senator Michael Gianaris announced the State Senate passed his legislation ([S.3477A](#)) which gives New York’s veterans a dignified burial. The bill, which passed unanimously, would require affected counties and the city of New York to work with a veteran service organization to provide for the burial of a veteran whose remains were unclaimed.

“No one is more deserving of a respectful funeral and burial than the men and women of our armed forces,” said **Senator Michael Gianaris**. “For those who sacrificed so much for our country, it is important our communities work to deliver the appropriate honors for our veterans.”

Senator Gianaris’ legislation ensures unclaimed remains of veterans are afforded a dignified funeral and burial, even when veterans do not have a next-of-kin or the means to provide for their own burial costs. The local government would work with a local veterans service organization which would contract with a funeral home to provide these services.

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2017-S3477A

- Introduced

- ◦ In Committee Assembly
 - In Committee Senate

- ◦ On Floor Calendar Assembly
 - On Floor Calendar Senate

- ◦ Passed Assembly
 - Passed Senate

- Delivered to Governor
- Signed By Governor
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Directs counties and the city of New York to contact a veterans' organization to provide for the disposition of the unclaimed remains of a deceased veteran

January 23, 2017

In Assembly Committee

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Do you support this bill?