

Burial and Cremation Amendment Act 1997

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An Act to amend the Burial and Cremation Act 1964

BE IT ENACTED by the Parliament of New Zealand as follows:

1 Short Title and commencement

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Burial and Cremation Amendment Act 1997, and is part of the Burial and Cremation Act 1964 ("the principal Act").
- (2) Section 2 of this Act comes into force on the day on which this Act receives the Royal assent.
- (3) Section 3 of this Act comes into force on 1 November 1997.

2 Interpretation

This section amended s 2(1) of the principal Act by substituting the definition of the term **still-born child**.

3 Burial of members of Her Majesty's Forces, etc

The principal Act is amended by repealing section 15, and substituting the following section:

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- (1) Notwithstanding anything in this Act, a local authority may—
- “(a) Set aside permanently a part of any cemetery under its control and management to be used for the burial of the bodies of—
 - “(i) Persons who have been on operational service in Her Majesty's Forces; and
 - “(ii) The wives or husbands of, or persons who have lived in a relationship in the nature of marriage with, a person who has been on operational service in Her Majesty's Forces:
 - “(b) Without fee,—
 - “(i) Permit burials to take place in the part of the cemetery set aside under paragraph (a):
 - “(ii) Grant (whether in perpetuity or for a limited period) the exclusive right of burial in that part of the cemetery.
- “(2) The Minister of Internal Affairs may, after consultation with the Minister of Defence and the New Zealand Returned Services' Association (Incorporated), by notice in the *Gazette*, specify a war, armed conflict, peacekeeping force, or other operation for the purposes of subsection (1).
- “(3) In subsection (1), **operational service** means service in a war, armed conflict, peacekeeping force, or other operation specified under subsection (2).”