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2^D SESSION**S. 1116****[Report No. 119-_____]**

To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the provision of certain additional burial benefits for individuals for whom an urn or plaque is furnished, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 25, 2025

Mr. BANKS (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, and Ms. ROSEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

_____ (legislative day, _____), _____

Reported by Mr. MORAN, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

A BILL

To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the provision of certain additional burial benefits for individuals for whom an urn or plaque is furnished, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Ensuring Veterans’
3 Final Resting Place Act of 2025”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS PROVISION**
5 **OF ADDITIONAL BURIAL BENEFITS WHEN AN**
6 **URN OR PLAQUE IS FURNISHED.**

7 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 2306(h) of title 38,
8 United States Code, is amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (1)—

10 (A) by striking “In lieu of furnishing a
11 headstone or marker under this section for”
12 and inserting “In the case of”; and

13 (B) by striking “paragraph (3)” and in-
14 serting “paragraph (2)”;

15 (2) by striking paragraph (2); and

16 (3) by redesignating paragraphs (3) through
17 (5) as paragraphs (2) through (4), respectively.

18 (b) **APPLICABILITY.**—The amendments made by sub-
19 section (a) shall apply with respect to an individual who
20 dies on or after January 5, 2021.

21 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

22 This Act may be cited as the “Ensuring Veterans’
23 Final Resting Place Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS PROVISION**
2 **OF ADDITIONAL BURIAL BENEFITS WHEN AN**
3 **URN OR COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE IS FUR-**
4 **NISHED.**

5 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Paragraph (2) of section 2306(h)
6 of title 38, United States Code, is amended to read as fol-
7 lows:

8 “(2) *If the Secretary furnishes an urn or commemora-*
9 *tive plaque for an individual under paragraph (1), the Sec-*
10 *retary may not provide for such individual a headstone or*
11 *marker under this section, or any interment benefit under*
12 *section 2402 of this title, unless—*

13 “(A) *in the case of a request for a headstone or*
14 *marker under this section—*

15 “(i) *such request is made at the same time*
16 *as a request for placement of a headstone or*
17 *marker for another individual who is eligible to*
18 *have such a headstone or marker placed in a na-*
19 *tional cemetery, a veterans’ cemetery in receipt*
20 *of a grant made under section 2408 of this title,*
21 *or a post cemetery; and*

22 “(ii) *the Secretary furnishes one headstone*
23 *or marker inscribed for both individuals; or*

24 “(B) *in the case of a request for interment, the*
25 *individual is interred at the same time and in the*
26 *same gravesite as the interment of another individual*

1 *eligible for interment in a national cemetery under*
2 *section 2402(a) of this title.”.*

3 **(b) APPLICABILITY.**—*The amendment made by sub-*
4 *section (a) shall apply with respect to an individual who*
5 *dies on or after January 5, 2021.*