

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3642

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 29, 2025

Mr. MAST introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Final Honors Act of
5 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. PERMITTING REMAINS OF CERTAIN MEMBERS OF**
2 **ARMED FORCES WHO DIED IN LINE OF DUTY**
3 **TO LIE IN HONOR IN CAPITOL ROTUNDA.**

4 (a) REQUEST OF SURVIVING NEXT OF KIN.—

5 (1) REQUEST.—At the request of the primary
6 surviving next of kin of a member of the Armed
7 Forces who dies from an injury incurred in line of
8 duty (unless such injury is covered by an exclusion
9 under section 105 of title 38, United States Code),
10 the remains of the member shall be permitted to lie
11 in honor in the rotunda of the United States Cap-
12 itol.

13 (2) NOTIFICATION OF NEXT OF KIN.—The Sec-
14 retary concerned shall notify the primary surviving
15 next of kin of a member of the Armed Forces de-
16 scribed in paragraph (1) pursuant to section 562 of
17 the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
18 Year 2006 (Public Law 109–163; 10 U.S.C. 1475
19 note). For purposes of this paragraph, the term
20 “Secretary concerned” has the meaning given such
21 term in section 101(9) of title 10, United States
22 Code.

23 (b) RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ARCHITECT OF THE
24 CAPITOL.—The Architect of the Capitol, under the direc-
25 tion of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and
26 the President pro tempore of the Senate, shall take such

1 steps as the Architect considers appropriate to carry out
2 this Act, including determining the date and time during
3 which the remains of a member of the Armed Forces shall
4 be permitted to lie in honor and establishing regulations
5 to determine who is the primary surviving next of kin of
6 the member.

7 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This Act shall apply with re-
8 spect to a member of the Armed Forces who dies on or
9 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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