

Union Calendar No. 295

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 647

[Report No. 119-343]

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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 23, 2025

Mr. YAKYM (for himself and Mrs. BIGGS of South Carolina) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

OCTOBER 17, 2025

Additional sponsors: Mrs. RADEWAGEN, Mr. MCGARVEY, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Mr. HARDER of California, Mr. SUOZZI, Ms. BYNUM, Mr. VASQUEZ, Mr. MILLER of Ohio, Ms. LEE of Nevada, Mr. VINDMAN, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. SHREVE, Mr. HARIDOPOLOS, Mr. CARSON, and Mr. DELUZIO

OCTOBER 17, 2025

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on January 23, 2025]

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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 “Ensuring Veterans’*
5 *Final Resting Place Act of 2025”.*

6 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR DEPARTMENT OF**
7 **VETERANS AFFAIRS HEADSTONES, MARKERS,**
8 **AND BURIAL RECEPTACLES FOR CERTAIN IN-**
9 **DIVIDUALS.**

10 *Subsection (b)(2) of section 2306 of title 38, United*
11 *States Code, is amended in subparagraphs (B) and (C) by*
12 *striking “who dies on or after November 11, 1998,” each*
13 *place it appears.*

14 **SEC. 3. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS PROVISION**
15 **OF ADDITIONAL BURIAL BENEFITS WHEN AN**
16 **URN OR PLAQUE IS PROVIDED.**

17 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (h) of such section is*
18 *amended—*

19 *(1) in paragraph (1), by striking “In lieu of fur-*
20 *nishing a headstone or marker under this section for”*
21 *and inserting “In the case of”;*

22 *(2) by striking paragraph (2);*

23 *(3) by redesignating paragraphs (3) through (5)*
24 *as paragraphs (2) through (4), respectively; and*

1 (4) in paragraph (1) by striking “paragraph
2 (3)” and inserting “paragraph (2)”.

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.

6 **SEC. 4. EXTENSION OF CERTAIN LIMITS ON PAYMENTS OF**
7 **PENSION.**

8 Section 5503(d)(7) of title 38, United States Code, is
9 amended by striking “November 30, 2031” and inserting
10 “May 31, 2033”.

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