

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 6943

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. EVANS of Colorado introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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 “Veterans Burial Allow-
5 ance and Reimbursement Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. STANDARDIZATION OF CERTAIN BURIAL BENEFITS**
2 **AVAILABLE UNDER LAWS ADMINISTERED BY**
3 **THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2303 of title 38, United
5 States Code, is amended—

6 (1) by striking the heading and inserting “**De-**
7 **ceased veterans: burial and funeral ex-**
8 **penses; plot allowance**”;

9 (2) in subsection (a)(2)—

10 (A) by striking “who is not covered by sec-
11 tion 2307 of this title and”;

12 (B) by redesignating subparagraphs (A)
13 through (C) as subparagraphs (B) through (D),
14 respectively; and

15 (C) by inserting before subparagraph (B),
16 as so redesignated, the following new subpara-
17 graph:

18 “(A) The deceased veteran dies as a result
19 of a service-connected disability or disabilities.”;
20 and

21 (3) in subsection (d), by striking “subpara-
22 graph (B) or (C)” and inserting “subparagraph (C)
23 or (D)”.

24 (b) CONFORMING REPEAL.—Section 2307 of such
25 title is repealed.

1 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—Such title is further
2 amended—

3 (1) in section 2303(b)(1)(B)(ii), by striking the
4 period at the end and inserting “; and”;

5 (2) in section 2308—

6 (A) in subsection (a)—

7 (i) by striking “in subparagraph (B)
8 or (C)” and inserting “subparagraph (C)
9 or (D)”; and

10 (ii) by striking “, or pursuant to sec-
11 tion 2307 of this title,”; and

12 (B) in subsection (b), by striking “sub-
13 section (a)(2)(C)” and inserting “subsection
14 (a)(2)(D)”; and

15 (3) in section 5101, by striking “sections 2303,
16 2307, and 5121” and inserting “sections 2303 and
17 5121”.

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