

119<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 7199

To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a burial allowance for certain veterans who die at home while in receipt of hospice care furnished by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 22, 2026

Mr. BERGMAN (for himself, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Mr. GOLDEN of Maine, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mr. SELF, Ms. LEE of Nevada, Mr. BACON, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. MAST, Mr. BAIRD, and Ms. PETTERSEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## A BILL

To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a burial allowance for certain veterans who die at home while in receipt of hospice care furnished by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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 “Gerald’s Law Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. BURIAL ALLOWANCE FOR CERTAIN VETERANS WHO**  
2 **DIE AT HOME WHILE IN RECEIPT OF HOS-**  
3 **PICE CARE FURNISHED BY DEPARTMENT OF**  
4 **VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2303(a)(2)(A) of title 38,  
6 United States Code, is amended—

7 (1) in clause (i), by striking “; or” and insert-  
8 ing a semicolon;

9 (2) in clause (ii)(III), by striking the period at  
10 the end and inserting “; or”; and

11 (3) by adding at the end the following new  
12 clause:

13 “(iii) a home or other setting at which the  
14 deceased veteran was, at the time of death, re-  
15 ceiving hospice care pursuant to section  
16 1717(a) of this title if such care was directly  
17 preceded by the Secretary furnishing to the vet-  
18 eran hospital care or nursing home care as de-  
19 scribed in subclauses (I), (II), or (III) of clause  
20 (ii).”.

21 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
22 subsection (a) shall take effect as if included in the enact-  
23 ment of the Johnny Isakson and David P. Roe, M.D. Vet-  
24 erans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020  
25 (Public Law 116–315).