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S. 2623

To enhance the transparency of the National Cemetery Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. ROUNDS (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 “Honest Operations for
5 National Cemetery Reporting Act of 2025” or the
6 “HONOR Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. INTERMENT SCHEDULE AVAILABILITY AT CEME-**
2 **TERIES UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE NA-**
3 **TIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs
5 shall maintain, on the publicly accessible website landing
6 page of the National Cemetery Administration, a spread-
7 sheet or similar document displaying the most recent in-
8 terment schedule availability for each operational cemetery
9 under the control of the National Cemetery Administra-
10 tion.

11 (b) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary of Veterans
12 Affairs shall—

13 (1) not later than 120 days after the date of
14 the enactment of this Act, make the spreadsheet or
15 similar document described in subsection (b) avail-
16 able as required by such subsection; and

17 (2) once every 30 days thereafter, update such
18 spreadsheet or similar document.

19 (c) DEFINITION OF INTERMENT SCHEDULE AVAIL-
20 ABILITY.—Not later than 60 days after the date of the
21 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs
22 shall submit to Congress a proposed definition for the
23 term “interment schedule availability” that—

24 (1) generally means the number of business
25 days between the establishment of a case for a de-

1 ceased individual and the first availability for the in-
2 terment of the individual; and

3 (2) takes into account the ability to meet the
4 family's preferred dates, days of the week, and times
5 for scheduling the interment.

6 (d) REPORT ON HISTORICAL DATA.—Not later than
7 one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
8 Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to Congress a
9 report on data for interment schedule availability during
10 the five-year period ending on the date on which the report
11 is submitted.

12 **SEC. 3. CUSTOMER SERVICE SURVEYS.**

13 (a) AMERICAN CUSTOMER SATISFACTION INDEX
14 SURVEY.—

15 (1) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of
16 Congress that the National Cemetery Administration
17 should continue to participate in the American Cus-
18 tomer Satisfaction Index survey.

19 (2) NOTICE TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 30
20 days before the date on which the National Ceme-
21 tery Administration does not participate in an Amer-
22 ican Customer Satisfaction Index survey, the Under
23 Secretary for Memorial Affairs of the Department of
24 Veterans Affairs shall notify Congress of such non-
25 participation.

1 (b) NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION SUR-
2 VEYS.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Under Secretary for
4 Memorial Affairs shall continue to—

5 (A) administer the customer service survey
6 of the National Cemetery Administration to vet-
7 erans, families, and funeral homes through on-
8 going survey activities; and

9 (B) publish the results of such survey.

10 (2) SUBMITTAL TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
11 30 days before the date on which any change is
12 made to the survey described in paragraph (1), in-
13 cluding with respect to methodology, participants, or
14 scope, the Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs
15 shall submit to Congress a description of such
16 change.

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