

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 2248

AN ACT

To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide certain burial benefits for spouses and children of veterans who are buried in tribal cemeteries, and for other purposes.

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

1 **SECTION 1. ELIGIBILITY OF SPOUSES AND CHILDREN OF**
2 **VETERANS BURIED IN TRIBAL CEMETERIES**
3 **FOR CERTAIN DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS**
4 **AFFAIRS BURIAL BENEFITS.**

5 Section 2306 of title 38, United States Code, is
6 amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a)(4), by inserting “or a vet-
8 erans’ cemetery owned by a tribal organization or on
9 land owned by or held in trust for a tribal organiza-
10 tion” after “State”;

11 (2) in subsection (b)(1), by inserting “, a vet-
12 erans’ cemetery of a tribal organization or on land
13 owned by or held in trust for a tribal organization”
14 after “owned by a State”;

15 (3) in subsection (f)—

16 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and
17 (2) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively;

18 (B) by striking “The Secretary” and in-
19 serting “(1) The Secretary”;

20 (C) by striking “a national cemetery or in
21 a veterans cemetery of a State or tribal organi-
22 zation for which the Department has provided
23 a grant under section 2408 of this title” and in-
24 serting “a covered cemetery”; and

25 (D) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(2) The term ‘covered cemetery’ means any of the
2 following:

3 “(A) A national cemetery.

4 “(B) A veterans’ cemetery of a State for which
5 the Department has provided a grant under section
6 2408 of this title.

7 “(C) A veterans’ cemetery of a tribal organiza-
8 tion or on land owned by or held in trust for a tribal
9 organization for which the Department has provided
10 a grant under subsection (f) of such section.”; and

11 (4) by adding at the end the following new sub-
12 section:

13 “(i) In this section, the term ‘tribal organization’ has
14 the meaning given such term in section 3765 of this
15 title.”.

Passed the Senate March 1, 2018.

Attest:

Secretary.

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