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To provide for the payment to States of plot allowances for certain veterans eligible for burial in a national cemetery who are buried in cemeteries of such States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 23 (legislative day, FEBRUARY 22), 1995

Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. ROTH, and Mr. STEVENS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

- To provide for the payment to States of plot allowances for certain veterans eligible for burial in a national cemetery who are buried in cemeteries of such States.
 - 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. PAYMENT OF PLOT OR INTERMENT ALLOW-

4 ANCE.

5 Section 2303 of title 38, United States Code, is 6 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-7 section;

8 ''(c)(1) Subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection,9 the Secretary shall pay to any State, or agency or political

1	subdivision of such State, a plot or interment allowance
2	of \$150 for the burial of any veteran who—
3	"(A) is eligible for burial in a national cemetery
4	under section 2402 of this title; and
5	"(B) is buried (without charge for the cost of
6	a plot or interment) in a cemetery, or a section of
7	a cemetery, that—
8	"(i) is used solely for the interment of per-
9	sons eligible for burial in a national cemetery;
10	and
11	"(ii) is owned by such State, or agency or
12	political subdivision.
13	"(2) The payment of a plot or interment allowance
14	under this subsection shall be in addition to any benefits
15	provided under section 2303 or 2307 of this title, or sub-
16	section (a) of this section.
17	"(3) The Secretary may not pay a plot or interment
18	allowance under this subsection for the burial of any vet-
19	eran for which the Secretary pays a plot or interment al-
20	lowance under subsection $(b)(1)$ of this section.".

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