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H. R. 2983

To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the eligibility of Indian tribal organizations for grants for the establishment of veterans cemeteries on trust lands.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. UDALL of New Mexico 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 “Native American Vet-
5 erans Cemetery Act of 2003”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELIGIBILITY OF INDIAN TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS**
2 **FOR GRANTS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF**
3 **VETERANS CEMETERIES ON TRUST LANDS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2408 of title 38, United
5 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
6 lowing new subsection:

7 “(f)(1) The Secretary may make grants under this
8 subsection to any tribal organization to assist the tribal
9 organization in establishing, expanding, or improving vet-
10 erans’ cemeteries on trust land owned by, or held in trust
11 for, the tribal organization.

12 “(2) Grants under this subsection shall be made in
13 the same manner, and under the same conditions, as
14 grants to States are made under the preceding provisions
15 of this section.

16 “(3) In this subsection:

17 “(A) The term ‘tribal organization’ has the
18 meaning given that term in section 3764(4) of this
19 title.

20 “(B) The term ‘trust land’ has the meaning
21 given that term in section 3764(1) of this title.”.

22 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subsection (a)(2)
23 of such section is amended by striking “under paragraph
24 (1)” and inserting “under this section”.

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