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S. 1077

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in southeastern Pennsylvania.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SPECTER (for himself and Mr. SANTORUM) 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. ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL CEMETERY IN**

4 **SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs
6 shall establish, in accordance with chapter 24 of title 38,
7 United States Code, a national cemetery in southeastern
8 Pennsylvania to serve the needs of veterans and their fam-
9 ilies.

1 (b) CONSULTATION IN SELECTION OF SITE.—Before
2 selecting the site for the national cemetery established
3 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall consult with—

4 (1) appropriate officials of the State of Penn-
5 sylvania and local officials of southeastern Pennsyl-
6 vania,

7 (2) appropriate officials of the United States,
8 including the Administrator of General Services,
9 with respect to land belonging to the United States
10 in that area that would be suitable for the purpose
11 of establishing the national cemetery under sub-
12 section (a); and

13 (3) representatives of veterans service organiza-
14 tions.

15 (c) REPORT.—Not later than six months after the
16 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall sub-
17 mit to Congress a report on the establishment of the na-
18 tional cemetery under subsection (a). The report shall set
19 forth a schedule for the establishment of such cemetery
20 and an estimate of the costs associated with the establish-
21 ment of such cemetery.

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