

109<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 601

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.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 2, 2005

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself, Mr. CASE, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. COLE of Oklahoma, Mr. EVANS, Mr. FILNER, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. INSLEE, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. KUCINICH, Ms. LEE, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. MATHESON, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Ms. NORTON, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. RENZI, Mr. REYES, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, and Mr. WYNN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## 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 2005”.

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

4 Section 2408 of title 38, United States Code, is  
5 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
6 section:

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.”.

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