

115TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 3657

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 7, 2017

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## 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 tribal land owned by or held in trust by a tribal or-  
10 ganization” after “State”;

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

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 tribal land owned by or held in trust by  
9 a tribal organization for which the Department has  
10 provided a grant under such section.”.

Passed the House of Representatives November 6,  
2017.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,  
*Clerk.*