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S. 2372

To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide outer burial receptacles for remains buried in National Parks, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 5, 2018

Mr. ISAKSON (for himself, Mr. TESTER, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. DAINES, and Mr. HELLER) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Veterans Cemetery
5 Benefit Correction Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROVISION OF OUTER BURIAL RECEPTACLES FOR**
7 **REMAINS BURIED IN NATIONAL PARKS.**

8 Section 2306(e) of title 38, United States Code, is
9 amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (1)—

2 (A) by inserting “(A)” before “The Sec-
3 retary of Veterans”;

4 (B) in subparagraph (A), as designated by
5 subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, by striking
6 “The Secretary of the Army” and inserting the
7 following:

8 “(B) The Secretary of the Army”; and

9 (C) by adding at the end the following new
10 subparagraph:

11 “(C) The Secretary of the Interior shall provide an
12 outer burial receptacle for each such a grave in an open
13 national cemetery administered by the National Park
14 Service.”;

15 (2) in paragraph (2)—

16 (A) by striking “or in the Arlington Na-
17 tional Cemetery” and inserting “, in the Arling-
18 ton National Cemetery, or in a national ceme-
19 tery administered by the National Park Serv-
20 ice”; and

21 (B) by striking “or Secretary of the Army”
22 and inserting “, the Secretary of the Army, or
23 the Secretary of the Interior”;

24 (3) in paragraph (3)(B)(ii), by striking “or,
25 with respect to Arlington National Cemetery, the

1 Secretary of the Army” and inserting “or the Sec-
2 retary of the Army with respect to Arlington Na-
3 tional Cemetery or the Secretary of the Interior with
4 respect to a national cemetery administered by the
5 National Park Service”; and

6 (4) in paragraph (4), by striking “or, with re-
7 spect to Arlington National Cemetery, the Secretary
8 of the Army” and inserting “or the Secretary of the
9 Army with respect to Arlington National Cemetery
10 or the Secretary of the Interior with respect to a na-
11 tional cemetery administered by the National Park
12 Service”.

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