

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 3657
OFFERED BY MR. POLIQUIN OF MAINE**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**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;

1 (B) by striking “The Secretary” and in-
2 serting “(1) The Secretary”;

3 (C) by striking “a national cemetery or in
4 a veterans cemetery of a State or tribal organi-
5 zation for which the Department has provided
6 a grant under section 2408 of this title” and in-
7 serting “a covered cemetery”; and

8 (D) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(2) The term ‘covered cemetery’ means any of the
10 following:

11 “(A) A national cemetery.

12 “(B) A veterans’ cemetery of a State for which
13 the Department has provided a grant under section
14 2408 of this title.

15 “(C) A veterans’ cemetery of a tribal organiza-
16 tion or on tribal land owned by or held in trust by
17 a tribal organization for which the Department has
18 provided a grant under such section.”.

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill 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.”.

