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# H. R. 697

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 22, 2019

Mr. BANKS 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. TRANSPORTATION OF DECEASED VETERANS**

4 **TO VETERANS' CEMETERIES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) of section 2308 of  
6 title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking “in  
7 a national cemetery” and inserting “in a national ceme-  
8 tery or a covered veterans' cemetery”.

1 (b) COVERED VETERANS' CEMETERY DEFINED.—  
2 Section 2308 of such title is amended by adding at the  
3 end the following new subsection:

4 “(c) COVERED VETERANS' CEMETERY DEFINED.—  
5 In this section, the term ‘covered veterans’ cemetery’  
6 means a veterans’ cemetery—

7 “(1) in which a deceased veteran described in  
8 subsection (b) is eligible to be buried; and

9 “(2) for which the Secretary has made a grant  
10 under section 2408 of this title.”.

11 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 2308 of  
12 such title is amended in the section heading by adding  
13 at the end the following: “**or a veterans’ cemetery**”.

14 (d) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
15 at the beginning of chapter 23 of such title is amended  
16 by striking the item relating to section 2308 and inserting  
17 the following new item:

“2308. Transportation of deceased veteran to a national cemetery or a veterans’  
cemetery.”.

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