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S. 3202

AN ACT

To amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that deceased veterans with no known next of kin can receive a dignified burial, 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. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

2 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
 3 “Dignified Burial and Other Veterans’ Benefits Improve-
 4 ment Act of 2012”.

5 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for
 6 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. Scoring of budgetary effects.

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Sec. 101. Furnishing caskets and urns for deceased veterans with no known next of kin.

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1 **SEC. 2. SCORING OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.**

2 The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of
 3 complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go-Act of 2010,
 4 shall be determined by reference to the latest statement
 5 titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this
 6 Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record
 7 by the Chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, pro-
 8 vided that such statement has been submitted prior to the
 9 vote on passage.

10 **TITLE I—CEMETERY MATTERS**

11 **SEC. 101. FURNISHING CASKETS AND URNS FOR DECEASED**
 12 **VETERANS WITH NO KNOWN NEXT OF KIN.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2306 of title 38, United
 14 States Code, is amended—

15 (1) by redesignating subsections (f) and (g) as
 16 subsections (g) and (h), respectively;

17 (2) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-
 18 lowing new subsection (f):

19 “(f) The Secretary may furnish a casket or urn, of
 20 such quality as the Secretary considers appropriate for a
 21 dignified burial, for burial in a national cemetery of a de-
 22 ceased veteran in any case in which the Secretary—

23 “(1) is unable to identify the veteran’s next of
 24 kin, if any; and

25 “(2) determines that sufficient resources for the
 26 furnishing of a casket or urn for the burial of the

(3) in subsection (h), as redesignated by paragraph (1), by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

6 “(4) A casket or urn may not be furnished under sub-
7 section (f) for burial of a person described in section
8 2411(b) of this title.”.

9 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—Subsections (f) and (h)(4) of
10 section 2306 of title 38, United States Code, as added by
11 subsection (a), shall take effect on the date that is one
12 year after the date of the enactment of this Act and shall
13 apply with respect to deaths occurring on or after the date
14 that is one year after the date of the enactment of this
15 Act.

16 SEC. 102. VETERANS FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE PROTEC-
17 TION.

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2404 of title 38, United
19 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
20 lowing new subsection:

21 “(h)(1) With respect to the interment or funeral, me-
22 morial service, or ceremony of a deceased veteran at a na-
23 tional cemetery, the Secretary shall ensure that—

24 “(A) the expressed wishes of the next of kin or
25 other agent of the deceased veteran are respected

1 and given appropriate deference when evaluating
2 whether the proposed interment or funeral, memorial
3 service, or ceremony affects the safety and security
4 of the national cemetery and visitors to the ceme-
5 tery;

6 “(B) to the extent possible, all appropriate pub-
7 lic areas of the cemetery, including committal shel-
8 ters, chapels, and benches, may be used by the fam-
9 ily of the deceased veteran for contemplation, pray-
10 er, mourning, or reflection; and

11 “(C) during such interment or funeral, memo-
12 rial service, or ceremony, the family of the deceased
13 veteran may display any religious or other symbols
14 chosen by the family.

15 “(2) Subject to regulations prescribed by the Sec-
16 retary under paragraph (4), including such regulations en-
17 suring the security of a national cemetery, the Secretary
18 shall, to the maximum extent practicable, provide to any
19 military or volunteer veterans honor guard, including such
20 guards belonging to a veterans service organization or
21 other nongovernmental group that provides services to vet-
22 erans, access to public areas of a national cemetery if such
23 access is requested by the next of kin or other agent of
24 a deceased veteran whose interment or funeral, memorial
25 service, or ceremony is being held in such cemetery.

1 “(3) With respect to the interment or funeral, memo-
2 rial service, or ceremony of a deceased veteran at a na-
3 tional cemetery, the Secretary shall notify the next of kin
4 or other agent of the deceased veteran of funeral honors
5 available to the deceased veteran, including such honors
6 provided by any military or volunteer veterans honor
7 guard described in paragraph (2).

8 “(4) The Secretary shall prescribe regulations to
9 carry out this subsection.”.

10 (b) INTERIM IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary may
11 carry out paragraphs (1) through (3) of section 2404(h)
12 of such title, as added by subsection (a), before the Sec-
13 retary prescribes regulations pursuant to paragraph (4)
14 of such section, as so added.

15 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
16 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans
17 Affairs shall submit to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs
18 of the Senate and the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of
19 the House of Representatives a report on the implementa-
20 tion of section 2404(h) of such title, as added by sub-
21 section (a). Such report shall include a certification of
22 whether the Secretary is in compliance with all of the pro-
23 visions of such section.

1 **SEC. 103. IMPROVED COMMUNICATION BETWEEN DEPART-**
2 **MENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND MEDICAL**
3 **EXAMINERS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 24 of title 38, United
5 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
6 lowing new section:

7 **“§ 2414. Communication between Department of Vet-**
8 **erans Affairs and medical examiners and**
9 **funeral directors**

10 “(a) REQUIRED INFORMATION.—With respect to
11 each deceased veteran described in subsection (b) who is
12 transported to a national cemetery for burial, the Sec-
13 retary shall ensure that the local medical examiner, fu-
14 neral director, county service group, or other entity re-
15 sponsible for the body of the deceased veteran before such
16 transportation submits to the Secretary the following in-
17 formation:

18 “(1) Whether the deceased veteran was cre-
19 mated.

20 “(2) The steps taken to ensure that the de-
21 ceased veteran has no next of kin.

22 “(b) DECEASED VETERAN DESCRIBED.—A deceased
23 veteran described in this subsection is a deceased vet-
24 eran—

1 “(1) with respect to whom the Secretary deter-
 2 mines that there is no next of kin or other person
 3 claiming the body of the deceased veteran; and

4 “(2) who does not have sufficient resources for
 5 the furnishing of a casket or urn for the burial of
 6 the deceased veteran in a national cemetery, as de-
 7 termined by the Secretary.”.

8 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
 9 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting
 10 after the item relating to section 2413 the following new
 11 item:

“2414. Communication between Department of Veterans Affairs and medical ex-
 aminers and funeral directors.”.

12 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Section 2414 of title 38,
 13 United States Code, as added by subsection (a), shall take
 14 effect on the date of the enactment of this Act and shall
 15 apply with respect to deaths occurring on or after the date
 16 that is 180 days after the date of the enactment of this
 17 Act.

18 **SEC. 104. IDENTIFICATION AND BURIAL OF UNCLAIMED OR**
 19 **ABANDONED HUMAN REMAINS.**

20 (a) IDENTIFICATION OF UNCLAIMED OR ABANDONED
 21 HUMAN REMAINS.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs
 22 shall cooperate with veterans service organizations to as-
 23 sist entities in possession of unclaimed or abandoned
 24 human remains in determining if any such remains are

1 the remains of veterans or other individuals eligible for
 2 burial in a national cemetery under the jurisdiction of the
 3 Secretary.

4 (b) BURIAL OF UNCLAIMED OR ABANDONED HUMAN
 5 REMAINS.—

6 (1) FUNERAL EXPENSES.—Section 2302(a)(2)
 7 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by strik-
 8 ing “who was a veteran of any war or was dis-
 9 charged or released from the active military, naval,
 10 or air service for a disability incurred or aggravated
 11 in line of duty, whose body is held by a State (or
 12 a political subdivision of a State), and”.

13 (2) TRANSPORTATION COSTS.—Section 2308 of
 14 such title is amended—

15 (A) by striking “Where a veteran” and all
 16 that follows through “compensation, the” and
 17 inserting “(a) IN GENERAL.—The”;

18 (B) in subsection (a), as designated by
 19 subparagraph (A), by inserting “described in
 20 subsection (b)” after “of the deceased veteran”;
 21 and

22 (C) by adding at the end the following new
 23 subsection:

1 “(b) DECEASED VETERAN DESCRIBED.—A deceased
2 veteran described in this subsection is any of the following
3 veterans:

4 “(1) A veteran who dies as the result of a serv-
5 ice-connected disability.

6 “(2) A veteran who dies while in receipt of dis-
7 ability compensation (or who but for the receipt of
8 retirement pay or pension under this title, would
9 have been entitled to compensation).

10 “(3) A veteran whom the Secretary determines
11 is eligible for funeral expenses under section 2302 of
12 this title by virtue of the Secretary determining that
13 the veteran has no next of kin or other person claim-
14 ing the body of such veteran pursuant to subsection
15 (a)(2)(A) of such section.”.

16 (3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made
17 by this subsection shall take effect on the date that
18 is one year after the date of the enactment of this
19 Act and shall apply with respect to burials and fu-
20 nerals occurring on or after the date that is one year
21 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

1 **SEC. 105. EXCLUSION OF PERSONS CONVICTED OF COM-**
 2 **MITTING CERTAIN SEX OFFENSES FROM IN-**
 3 **TERMENT OR MEMORIALIZATION IN NA-**
 4 **TIONAL CEMETERIES, ARLINGTON NATIONAL**
 5 **CEMETERY, AND CERTAIN STATE VETERANS'**
 6 **CEMETERIES AND FROM RECEIVING CER-**
 7 **TAIN FUNERAL HONORS.**

8 (a) PROHIBITION AGAINST.—Section 2411(b) of title
 9 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end
 10 the following new paragraph:

11 “(4) A person—

12 “(A) who has been convicted of a Federal
 13 or State crime causing the person to be a tier
 14 III sex offender for purposes of the Sex Of-
 15 fender Registration and Notification Act (42
 16 U.S.C. 16901 et seq.);

17 “(B) who, for such crime, is sentenced to
 18 a minimum of life imprisonment; and

19 “(C) whose conviction is final (other than
 20 a person whose sentence was commuted by the
 21 President or Governor of a State, as the case
 22 may be).”.

23 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section
 24 2411(a)(2) of such title is amended—

25 (1) by striking “or (b)(2)” each place it ap-
 26 pears and inserting “, (b)(2), or (b)(4)”; and

1 (2) by striking “capital” each place it appears.

2 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
3 this section shall apply with respect to interments and me-
4 morializations that occur on or after the date of the enact-
5 ment of this Act.

6 **SEC. 106. RESTORATION, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE**
7 **OF CLARK VETERANS CEMETERY BY AMER-**
8 **ICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—After an agreement is made be-
10 tween the Government of the Republic of the Philippines
11 and the United States Government, Clark Veterans Ceme-
12 tery in the Republic of the Philippines shall be treated,
13 for purposes of section 2104 of title 36, United States
14 Code, as a cemetery for which it was decided under such
15 section that the cemetery will become a permanent ceme-
16 tery and the American Battle Monuments Commission
17 shall restore, operate, and maintain Clark Veterans Ceme-
18 tery (to the degree the Commission considers appropriate)
19 under such section in cooperation with the Government
20 of the Republic of the Philippines.

21 (b) LIMITATION ON FUTURE BURIALS.—Burials at
22 the cemetery described in subsection (a) after the date of
23 the agreement described in such subsection shall be lim-
24 ited to eligible veterans, as determined by the Commission,
25 whose burial does not incur any cost to the Commission.

1 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
 2 are authorized to be appropriated to the Commission—

3 (1) \$5,000,000 for site preparation, design,
 4 planning, construction, and associated administrative
 5 costs for the restoration of the cemetery described in
 6 subsection (a); and

7 (2) amounts necessary to operate and maintain
 8 the cemetery described in subsection (a).

9 **SEC. 107. REPORT ON COMPLIANCE OF DEPARTMENT OF**
 10 **VETERANS AFFAIRS WITH INDUSTRY STAND-**
 11 **ARDS FOR CASKETS AND URNS.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
 13 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Vet-
 14 erans Affairs shall submit to the Committee on Veterans’
 15 Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Veterans’ Af-
 16 fairs of the House of Representatives a report on the com-
 17 pliance of the Department of Veterans Affairs with indus-
 18 try standards for caskets and urns.

19 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required by subsection
 20 (a) shall include the following:

21 (1) A description of industry standards for cas-
 22 kets and urns.

23 (2) An assessment of compliance with such
 24 standards at national cemeteries administered by the
 25 Department with respect to caskets and urns used

1 for the interment of those eligible for burial at such
2 cemeteries.

3 **TITLE II—HEALTH CARE**

4 **SEC. 201. ESTABLISHMENT OF OPEN BURN PIT REGISTRY.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF REGISTRY.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year
7 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
8 retary of Veterans Affairs shall—

9 (A) establish and maintain an open burn
10 pit registry for eligible individuals who may
11 have been exposed to toxic airborne chemicals
12 and fumes caused by open burn pits;

13 (B) include any information in such reg-
14 istry that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs de-
15 termines necessary to ascertain and monitor the
16 health effects of the exposure of members of the
17 Armed Forces to toxic airborne chemicals and
18 fumes caused by open burn pits;

19 (C) develop a public information campaign
20 to inform eligible individuals about the open
21 burn pit registry, including how to register and
22 the benefits of registering; and

23 (D) periodically notify eligible individuals
24 of significant developments in the study and
25 treatment of conditions associated with expo-

1 sure to toxic airborne chemicals and fumes
2 caused by open burn pits.

3 (2) COORDINATION.—The Secretary of Vet-
4 erans Affairs shall coordinate with the Secretary of
5 Defense in carrying out paragraph (1).

6 (b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

7 (1) REPORTS BY INDEPENDENT SCIENTIFIC OR-
8 GANIZATION.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs
9 shall enter into an agreement with an independent
10 scientific organization to prepare reports as follows:

11 (A) Not later than two years after the date
12 on which the registry under subsection (a) is es-
13 tablished, an initial report containing the fol-
14 lowing:

15 (i) An assessment of the effectiveness
16 of actions taken by the Secretaries to col-
17 lect and maintain information on the
18 health effects of exposure to toxic airborne
19 chemicals and fumes caused by open burn
20 pits.

21 (ii) Recommendations to improve the
22 collection and maintenance of such infor-
23 mation.

24 (iii) Using established and previously
25 published epidemiological studies, rec-

ommendations regarding the most effective and prudent means of addressing the medical needs of eligible individuals with respect to conditions that are likely to result from exposure to open burn pits.

(B) Not later than five years after completing the initial report described in subparagraph (A), a follow-up report containing the following:

(i) An update to the initial report described in subparagraph (A).

(ii) An assessment of whether and to what degree the content of the registry established under subsection (a) is current and scientifically up-to-date.

(2) SUBMITTAL TO CONGRESS.—

(A) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than two years after the date on which the registry under subsection (a) is established, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to Congress the initial report prepared under paragraph (1)(A).

(B) FOLLOW-UP REPORT.—Not later than five years after submitting the report under subparagraph (A), the Secretary of Veterans

1 Affairs shall submit to Congress the follow-up
2 report prepared under paragraph (1)(B).

3 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL.—The term “eligible
5 individual” means any individual who, on or after
6 September 11, 2001—

7 (A) was deployed in support of a contin-
8 gency operation while serving in the Armed
9 Forces; and

10 (B) during such deployment, was based or
11 stationed at a location where an open burn pit
12 was used.

13 (2) OPEN BURN PIT.—The term “open burn
14 pit” means an area of land located in Afghanistan
15 or Iraq that—

16 (A) is designated by the Secretary of De-
17 fense to be used for disposing solid waste by
18 burning in the outdoor air; and

19 (B) does not contain a commercially manu-
20 factured incinerator or other equipment specifi-
21 cally designed and manufactured for the burn-
22 ing of solid waste.

1 **SEC. 202. TRANSPORTATION OF BENEFICIARIES TO AND**
 2 **FROM FACILITIES OF DEPARTMENT OF VET-**
 3 **ERANS AFFAIRS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 1 of title 38, United
 5 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 111 the
 6 following new section:

7 **“§ 111A. Transportation of individuals to and from**
 8 **Department facilities**

9 “(a) TRANSPORTATION BY SECRETARY.—(1) The
 10 Secretary may transport any person to or from a Depart-
 11 ment facility or other place in connection with vocational
 12 rehabilitation, counseling required by the Secretary pursu-
 13 ant to chapter 34 or 35 of this title, or for the purpose
 14 of examination, treatment, or care.

15 “(2) The authority granted by paragraph (1) shall
 16 expire on the date that is one year after the date of the
 17 enactment of this section.”.

18 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subsection (h) of
 19 section 111 of such title is—

20 (1) transferred to section 111A of such title, as
 21 added by subsection (a);

22 (2) redesignated as subsection (b);

23 (3) inserted after subsection (a) of such section;

24 and

25 (4) amended by inserting “TRANSPORTATION
 26 BY THIRD-PARTIES.—” before “The Secretary”.

1 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
 2 at the beginning of chapter 1 of such title is amended by
 3 inserting after the item relating to section 111 the fol-
 4 lowing new item:

“111A. Transportation of individuals to and from Department facilities.”.

5 **SEC. 203. EXTENSION OF REDUCED PENSION FOR CERTAIN**
 6 **VETERANS COVERED BY MEDICAID PLANS**
 7 **FOR SERVICES FURNISHED BY NURSING FA-**
 8 **CILITIES.**

9 Section 5503(d)(7) of title 38, United States Code,
 10 is amended by striking “September 30, 2016” and insert-
 11 ing “November 30, 2016”.

12 **SEC. 204. EXTENSION OF REPORT REQUIREMENT FOR SPE-**
 13 **CIAL COMMITTEE ON POST-TRAUMATIC-**
 14 **STRESS DISORDER.**

15 Section 110(e)(2) of the Veterans’ Health Care Act
 16 of 1984 (Public Law 98–528; 38 U.S.C. 1712A note) is
 17 amended by striking “through 2012” and inserting
 18 “through 2016”.

19 **TITLE III—OTHER MATTERS**

20 **SEC. 301. OFF-BASE TRANSITION TRAINING FOR VETERANS**
 21 **AND THEIR SPOUSES.**

22 (a) PROVISION OF OFF-BASE TRANSITION TRAIN-
 23 ING.—During the two-year period beginning on the date
 24 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Labor shall
 25 provide the Transition Assistance Program under section

1 1144 of title 10, United States Code, to eligible individuals
2 at locations other than military installations to assess the
3 feasibility and advisability of providing such program to
4 eligible individuals at locations other than military instal-
5 lations.

6 (b) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.—For purposes of this
7 section, an eligible individual is a veteran or the spouse
8 of a veteran.

9 (c) LOCATIONS.—

10 (1) NUMBER OF STATES.—The Secretary shall
11 carry out the training under subsection (a) in not
12 less than three and not more than five States se-
13 lected by the Secretary for purposes of this section.

14 (2) SELECTION OF STATES WITH HIGH UNEM-
15 PLOYMENT.—Of the States selected by the Secretary
16 under paragraph (1), at least two shall be States
17 with high rates of unemployment among veterans.

18 (3) NUMBER OF LOCATIONS IN EACH STATE.—
19 The Secretary shall provide training under sub-
20 section (a) to eligible individuals at a sufficient num-
21 ber of locations within each State selected under this
22 subsection to meet the needs of eligible individuals
23 in such State.

24 (4) SELECTION OF LOCATIONS.—The Secretary
25 shall select locations for the provision of training

1 under subsection (a) to facilitate access by partici-
2 pants and may not select any location on a military
3 installation other than a National Guard or reserve
4 facility that is not located on an active duty military
5 installation.

6 (d) INCLUSION OF INFORMATION ABOUT VETERANS
7 BENEFITS.—The Secretary shall ensure that the training
8 provided under subsection (a) generally follows the content
9 of the Transition Assistance Program under section 1144
10 of title 10, United States Code.

11 (e) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than March 1 of
12 any year during which the Secretary provides training
13 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to Con-
14 gress a report on the provision of such training.

15 (f) COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT.—Not later
16 than 180 days after the termination of the one-year period
17 described in subsection (a), the Comptroller General of the
18 United States shall submit to Congress a report on the
19 training provided under such subsection. The report shall
20 include the evaluation of the Comptroller General regard-
21 ing the feasibility and advisability of carrying out off-base
22 transition training at locations nationwide.

1 **SEC. 302. REQUIREMENT THAT JUDGES ON UNITED STATES**
 2 **COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS**
 3 **RESIDE WITHIN 50 MILES OF DISTRICT OF**
 4 **COLUMBIA.**

5 (a) RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 7255 is amended to
 7 read as follows:

8 **“§ 7255. Offices, duty stations, and residences**

9 “(a) PRINCIPAL OFFICE.—The principal office of the
 10 Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims shall be in the
 11 Washington, D.C., metropolitan area, but the Court may
 12 sit at any place within the United States.

13 “(b) OFFICIAL DUTY STATIONS.—(1) Except as pro-
 14 vided in paragraph (2), the official duty station of each
 15 judge while in active service shall be the principal office
 16 of the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

17 “(2) The place where a recall-eligible retired judge
 18 maintains the actual abode in which such judge custom-
 19 arily lives shall be considered the recall-eligible retired
 20 judge’s official duty station.

21 “(c) RESIDENCES.—(1) Except as provided in para-
 22 graph (2), after appointment and while in active service,
 23 each judge of the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims
 24 shall reside within 50 miles of the Washington, D.C., met-
 25 ropolitan area.

1 “(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply to recall-eligible
 2 retired judges of the Court of Appeals for Veterans
 3 Claims.”.

4 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
 5 tions at the beginning of chapter 72 is amended by
 6 striking the item relating to section 7255 and insert-
 7 ing the following new item:

“7255. Offices, duty stations, and residences.”.

8 (b) REMOVAL.—Section 7253(f)(1) is amended by
 9 striking “or engaging in the practice of law” and inserting
 10 “engaging in the practice of law, or violating section
 11 7255(c) of this title”.

12 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (c) of section
 14 7255, as added by subsection (a), and the amend-
 15 ment made by subsection (b) shall take effect on the
 16 date that is 180 days after the date of the enact-
 17 ment of this Act.

18 (2) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by
 19 subsection (b) shall apply with respect to judges con-
 20 firmed on or after January 1, 2012.

21 **SEC. 303. DESIGNATION OF TRINKA DAVIS VETERANS VIL-**
 22 **LAGE.**

23 (a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the Department
 24 of Veterans Affairs located at 180 Martin Drive in
 25 Carrollton, Georgia, shall after the date of the enactment

1 of this Act be known and designated as the “Trinka Davis
2 Veterans Village”.

3 (b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in any law, regula-
4 tion, map, document, record, or other paper of the United
5 States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall
6 be deemed to be a reference to the “Trinka Davis Veterans
7 Village”.

8 **SEC. 304. DESIGNATION OF WILLIAM “BILL” KLING DE-**
9 **PARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS OUT-**
10 **PATIENT CLINIC.**

11 (a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the Department
12 of Veterans Affairs located at 9800 West Commercial
13 Boulevard in Sunrise, Florida, shall after the date of the
14 enactment of this Act be known and designated as the
15 “William ‘Bill’ Kling Department of Veterans Affairs Out-
16 patient Clinic”.

17 (b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, reg-
18 ulation, document, paper, or other record of the United
19 States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall
20 be deemed to be a reference to the “William ‘Bill’ Kling
21 Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic”.

1 **SEC. 305. DESIGNATION OF MANN-GRANDSTAFF DEPART-**
2 **MENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CEN-**
3 **TER.**

4 (a) DESIGNATION.—The Department of Veterans Af-
5 fairs medical center in Spokane, Washington, shall after
6 the date of the enactment of this Act be known and des-
7 ignated as the “Mann-Grandstaff Department of Veterans
8 Affairs Medical Center”.

9 (b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, reg-
10 ulation, document, paper, or other record of the United
11 States to the Department of Veterans Affairs medical cen-
12 ter referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a
13 reference to the “Mann-Grandstaff Department of Vet-
14 erans Affairs Medical Center”.

15 **SEC. 306. DESIGNATION OF DAVID F. WINDER DEPARTMENT**
16 **OF VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMUNITY BASED**
17 **OUTPATIENT CLINIC.**

18 (a) DESIGNATION.—The Department of Veterans Af-
19 fairs community based outpatient clinic located in Mans-
20 field, Ohio, shall after the date of the enactment of this
21 Act be known and designated as the “David F. Winder
22 Department of Veterans Affairs Community Based Out-
23 patient Clinic”.

24 (b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, reg-
25 ulation, document, paper, or other record of the United
26 States to the Department of Veterans Affairs community

1 based outpatient clinic referred to in subsection (a) shall
2 be deemed to be a reference to the “David F. Winder De-
3 partment of Veterans Affairs Community Based Out-
4 patient Clinic”.

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Attest:

Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that deceased veterans with no known next of kin can receive a dignified burial, and for other purposes.