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Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

AN ACT

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

2 This Act may be cited as the “Veterans Cemetery
3 Benefit Correction Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. PROVISION OF OUTER BURIAL RECEPTACLES FOR**
5 **REMAINS BURIED IN NATIONAL PARKS.**

6 Section 2306(e) of title 38, United States Code, is
7 amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (1)—

9 (A) by inserting “(A)” before “The Sec-
10 retary of Veterans”;

11 (B) in subparagraph (A), as designated by
12 subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, by striking
13 “The Secretary of the Army” and inserting the
14 following:

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

16 (C) by adding at the end the following new
17 subparagraph:

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

22 (2) in paragraph (2)—

23 (A) by striking “or in the Arlington Na-
24 tional Cemetery” and inserting “, in the Arling-
25 ton National Cemetery, or in a national ceme-

1 tery administered by the National Park Serv-
2 ice”; and

3 (B) by striking “or Secretary of the Army”
4 and inserting “, the Secretary of the Army, or
5 the Secretary of the Interior”;

6 (3) in paragraph (3)(B)(ii), by striking “or,
7 with respect to Arlington National Cemetery, the
8 Secretary of the Army” and inserting “or the Sec-
9 retary of the Army with respect to Arlington Na-
10 tional Cemetery or the Secretary of the Interior with
11 respect to a national cemetery administered by the
12 National Park Service”; and

13 (4) in paragraph (4), by striking “or, with re-
14 spect to Arlington National Cemetery, the Secretary
15 of the Army” and inserting “or the Secretary of the
16 Army with respect to Arlington National Cemetery
17 or the Secretary of the Interior with respect to a na-
18 tional cemetery administered by the National Park
19 Service”.

Passed the Senate March 1, 2018.

Attest:

JULIE E. ADAMS,

Secretary.