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S. 3527

To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to transfer the name of property of the Department of Veterans Affairs designated by law to other property of the Department.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 19 (legislative day, JANUARY 18), 2022

Mr. TESTER 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. AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY OF VETERANS AF-**
4 **FAIRS TO TRANSFER NAMES OF FACILITIES,**
5 **STRUCTURES, OR REAL PROPERTY OF DE-**
6 **PARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 531 of title 38, United
8 States Code, is amended—

1 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**Re-**
 2 **quirement**” and inserting “**Requirements**”;

3 (2) in subsection (a), by striking “Except as ex-
 4 pressly provided by law” and inserting the following:

5 “(a) NAMING LIMITATION.—Except as expressly pro-
 6 vided by law or as authorized under subsection (b)”;

7 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
 8 section (b):

9 “(b) TRANSFER OF NAMES.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may transfer
 11 the name of covered property of the Department to
 12 other covered property of the Department if—

13 “(A) the original covered property was des-
 14 ignated with that name by law; and

15 “(B) the other covered property is located
 16 in a different location or at a different address
 17 from the original covered property within the
 18 town, city, or other local government area speci-
 19 fied in the designation made by such law.

20 “(2) REFERENCES.—If the Secretary transfers
 21 the name of covered property under paragraph (1),
 22 any reference in a law, regulation, map, document,
 23 paper, or other record of the United States to the
 24 covered property originally named by law shall be
 25 deemed to be a reference to the covered property to

1 which the name has been transferred under such
2 paragraph.

3 “(3) COVERED PROPERTY.—In this subsection,
4 the term ‘covered property’ means a facility, struc-
5 ture, or real property of the Department or a major
6 portion (such as a wing or floor) of any such facility,
7 structure, or real property.”.

8 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
9 at the beginning of chapter 5 of such title is amended by
10 striking the item relating to section 531 and inserting the
11 following new item:

“531. Requirements relating to naming of Department property.”.

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