

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 10551

To amend title 10, United States Code, to permit a retired member of the Armed Forces to serve as a required member of the funeral honors detail for the funeral of a veteran.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 20, 2024

Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Honoring Our Nation’s
5 Own Retired Servicemembers Act” or the “HONORS
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. HONORS DETAIL FOR THE FUNERAL OF A VETERAN:**

2 **REQUIRED MEMBERS MAY BE RETIRED.**

3 Section 1491(b) of title 10, United States Code, is
4 amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (2), in the first sentence, by
6 inserting “, subject to paragraph (4)” after “other
7 than members in a retired status”; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following new
9 paragraph:

10 “(4) The two members described in the first sentence
11 of paragraph (2) may, with the consent of the family of
12 the veteran, be members in a retired status if the Sec-
13 retary concerned determines that—

14 “(A) no member who is not in a retired status
15 is available within 50 miles of the location of the fu-
16 neral; or

17 “(B) use of members in a retired status is fis-
18 cally necessary.”.

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