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S. 2807

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, and Mr. SCHIFF) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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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 “Restoring the Sanctity
5 of Public Entombments, Cemeteries, and Tributes Act of
6 2025” or the “RESPECT Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. APPLICABILITY OF AUTHORITY TO RECONSIDER**
2 **DECISIONS TO INTER THE REMAINS OR**
3 **HONOR THE MEMORY OF A PERSON IN A NA-**
4 **TIONAL CEMETERY.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2411 of title 38, United
6 States Code, is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (d)(1), by inserting “made on
8 or after June 18, 1973,” after “reconsider a deci-
9 sion”; and

10 (2) in subsections (b)(4)(A), (b)(5)(A),
11 (d)(2)(A)(ii), and (e)(1)(B), by striking “to be a tier
12 III sex offender for purposes of the Sex Offender
13 Registration and Notification Act (34 U.S.C. 20901
14 et seq.)” each place it appears and inserting “to
15 meet the definition of a tier III sex offender under
16 section 111 of the Sex Offender Registration and
17 Notification Act (34 U.S.C. 20911)”.

18 (b) CONFORMING REPEAL.—Section 2 of the Alicia
19 Dawn Koehl Respect for National Cemeteries Act (Public
20 Law 113–65) is amended by striking subsection (c).

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