

Public Law 93-43

AN ACT

June 18, 1973
[S. 49]

To amend title 38 of the United States Code in order to establish a National Cemetery System within the Veterans' Administration, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "National Cemeteries Act of 1973".

National Ceme-
teries Act of 1973.

SEC. 2. (a) Part II of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new chapter:

72 Stat. 1117,
38 USC 301.**"Chapter 24—NATIONAL CEMETERIES AND MEMORIALS**

"Sec.

"1000. Establishment of National Cemetery System; composition of such system; appointment of director.

"1001. Advisory committee on cemeteries and memorials.

"1002. Persons eligible for interment in national cemeteries.

"1003. Memorial areas.

"1004. Administration.

"1005. Disposition of inactive cemeteries.

"1006. Acquisition of lands.

"1007. Authority to accept and maintain suitable memorials.

"§ 1000. Establishment of National Cemetery System; composition of such system; appointment of director

"(a) There shall be within the Veterans' Administration a National Cemetery System for the interment of deceased servicemen and veterans. To assist him in carrying out his responsibilities in administering the cemeteries within the System, the Administrator may appoint a Director, National Cemetery System, who shall perform such functions as may be assigned by the Administrator.

"(b) The National Cemetery System shall consist of—

"(1) national cemeteries transferred from the Department of the Army to the Veterans' Administration by the National Cemeteries Act of 1973;

"(2) cemeteries under the jurisdiction of the Veterans' Administration on the date of enactment of this chapter; and

"(3) any other cemetery, memorial, or monument transferred to the Veterans' Administration by the National Cemeteries Act of 1973, or later acquired or developed by the Administrator.

"§ 1001. Advisory Committee on Cemeteries and Memorials

"There shall be appointed by the Administrator an Advisory Committee on Cemeteries and Memorials. The Administrator shall advise and consult with the Committee from time to time with respect to the administration of the cemeteries for which he is responsible, and with respect to the selection of cemetery sites, the erection of appropriate memorials, and the adequacy of Federal burial benefits. The Committee shall make periodic reports and recommendations to the Administrator and to Congress.

Reports to Ad-
ministrator of
Veterans' Affairs
and Congress.**"§ 1002. Persons eligible for interment in national cemeteries**

"Under such regulations as the Administrator may prescribe and subject to the provisions of section 3505 of this title, the remains of the following persons may be buried in any open national cemetery in the National Cemetery System:

73 Stat. 453;
85 Stat. 348.
38 USC 3505.

"(1) Any veteran (which for the purposes of this chapter includes a person who died in the active military, naval, or air service).

"(2) Any member of a Reserve component of the Armed Forces, and any member of the Army National Guard or the Air National Guard, whose death occurs under honorable conditions while he is

hospitalized or undergoing treatment, at the expense of the United States, for injury or disease contracted or incurred under honorable conditions while he is performing active duty for training, inactive duty training, or undergoing that hospitalization or treatment at the expense of the United States.

"(3) Any member of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps of the Army, Navy, or Air Force whose death occurs under honorable conditions while he is—

"(A) attending an authorized training camp or on an authorized practice cruise;

"(B) performing authorized travel to or from that camp or cruise; or

"(C) hospitalized or undergoing treatment, at the expense of the United States, for injury or disease contracted or incurred under honorable conditions while he is—

"(i) attending that camp or on that cruise;

"(ii) performing that travel; or

"(iii) undergoing that hospitalization or treatment at the expense of the United States.

"(4) Any citizen of the United States who, during any war in which the United States is or has been engaged, served in the armed forces of any government allied with the United States during that war, and whose last such service terminated honorably.

"(5) The wife, husband, surviving spouse, minor child, and, in the discretion of the Administrator, unmarried adult child of any of the persons listed in paragraphs (1) through (4).

"(6) Such other persons or classes of persons as may be designated by the Administrator.

"§ 1003. Memorial areas

"(a) The Administrator shall set aside, when available, suitable areas in national cemeteries to honor the memory of members of the Armed Forces missing in action, or who died or were killed while serving in such forces and whose remains have not been identified, have been buried at sea or have been determined to be nonrecoverable.

"(b) Under regulations prescribed by the Administrator, appropriate memorials or markers shall be erected to honor the memory of those individuals, or group of individuals, referred to in subsection (a) of this section.

"(c) All national and other veterans' cemeteries in the National Cemetery System created by this Act shall be considered national shrines as a tribute to our gallant dead and, notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, the Administrator is hereby authorized to permit appropriate officials to fly the flag of the United States of America at such cemeteries twenty-four hours each day.

"§ 1004. Administration

"(a) The Administrator is authorized to make all rules and regulations which are necessary or appropriate to carry out the provisions of this chapter, and may designate those cemeteries which are considered to be national cemeteries.

"(b) In conjunction with the development and administration of cemeteries for which he is responsible, the Administrator shall provide all necessary facilities including, as necessary, superintendents' lodges, chapels, crypts, mausoleums, and columbaria.

"(c) Each grave in a national cemetery shall be marked with an appropriate marker. Such marker shall bear the name of the person buried, the number of the grave, and such other information as the Administrator shall by regulation prescribe.

Rules and regulations.

Facilities.

Grave markers.

“(d) There shall be kept in each national cemetery, and at the main office of the Veterans’ Administration, a register of burials in each cemetery setting forth the name of each person buried in the cemetery, the number of the grave in which he is buried, and such other information as the Administrator by regulation may prescribe.

Burial register.

“(e) In carrying out his responsibilities under this chapter, the Administrator may contract with responsible persons, firms, or corporations for the care and maintenance of such cemeteries under his jurisdiction as he shall choose, under such terms and conditions as he may prescribe.

Contract authority.

“(f) The Administrator is authorized to convey to any State, or political subdivision thereof, in which any national cemetery is located, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to any Government owned or controlled approach road to such cemetery if, prior to the delivery of any instrument of conveyance, the State or political subdivision to which such conveyance is to be made notifies the Administrator in writing of its willingness to accept and maintain the road included in such conveyance. Upon the execution and delivery of such a conveyance, the jurisdiction of the United States over the road conveyed shall cease and thereafter vest in the State or political subdivision concerned.

Approach roads, conveyance.

“(g) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Administrator may at such time as he deems desirable, relinquish to the State in which any cemetery, monument, or memorial under his jurisdiction is located, such portion of legislative jurisdiction over the lands involved as is necessary to establish concurrent jurisdiction between the Federal Government and the State concerned. Such partial relinquishment of jurisdiction under the authority of this subsection may be made by filing with the Governor of the State involved a notice of such relinquishment and shall take effect upon acceptance thereof by the State in such manner as its laws may prescribe.

Jurisdiction, relinquishment.

“§ 1005. Disposition of inactive cemeteries

“(a) The Administrator may transfer, with the consent of the agency concerned, any inactive cemetery, burial plot, memorial, or monument within his control to the Department of the Interior for maintenance as a national monument or park, or to any other agency of the Government. Any cemetery transferred to the Department of the Interior shall be administered by the Secretary of the Interior as a part of the National Park System, and funds appropriated to the Secretary for such system shall be available for the management and operation of such cemetery.

Transfer.

“(b) The Administrator may also transfer and convey all right, title, and interest of the United States in or to any inactive cemetery or burial plot, or portion thereon, to any State, county, municipality, or proper agency thereof, in which or in the vicinity of which such cemetery or burial plot is located, but in the event the grantee shall cease or fail to care for and maintain the cemetery or burial plot or the graves and monuments contained therein in a manner satisfactory to the Administrator, all such right, title, and interest transferred or conveyed by the United States, shall revert to the United States.

“(c) If a cemetery not within the National Cemetery System has been or is to be discontinued, the Administrator may provide for the removal of remains from that cemetery to any cemetery within such System. He may also provide for the removal of the remains of any veteran from a place of temporary interment, or from an abandoned grave or cemetery, to a national cemetery.

“§ 1006. Acquisition of lands

“As additional lands are needed for national cemeteries, they may be acquired by the Administrator by purchase, gift (including donations from States or political subdivisions thereof), condemnation, transfer from other Federal agencies, or otherwise, as he determines to be in the best interest of the United States.

“§ 1007. Authority to accept and maintain suitable memorials

“Subject to such restrictions as he may prescribe, the Administrator may accept gifts, devises, or bequests from legitimate societies and organizations or reputable individuals, made in any manner, which are made for the purpose of beautifying national cemeteries, or are determined to be beneficial to such cemetery. He may make land available for this purpose, and may furnish such care and maintenance as he deems necessary.”

(b) The table of chapters of part II and the table of parts and chapters of title 38, United States Code, are each amended by inserting immediately below

“23. Burial benefits----- 901”
the following:

“24. National cemeteries and memorials----- 1000”.

86 Stat. 110.

(c) Section 5316 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by striking out:

“(131) General Counsel of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.”

and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

“(132) General Counsel of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

“(133) Director, National Cemetery System, Veterans’ Administration.”

Studies, recommendations to Congress.

SEC. 3. (a) The Administrator shall conduct a comprehensive study and submit his recommendations to Congress within twelve months after the convening of the first session of the Ninety-third Congress concerning:

(1) criteria which govern the development and operation of the National Cemetery System, including the concept of regional cemeteries;

(2) the relationship of the National Cemetery System to other burial benefits provided by Federal and State Governments to servicemen and veterans;

(3) steps to be taken to conform the existing System to the recommended criteria;

(4) the private burial and funeral costs in the United States;

(5) current headstone and marker programs; and

(6) the marketing and sales practices of non-Federal cemeteries and interment facilities, or any person either acting on their behalf or selling or attempting to sell any rights, interests, or service therein, which is directed specifically toward veterans and their dependents.

(b) The Administrator shall also, in conjunction with the Secretary of Defense, conduct a comprehensive study of and submit their joint recommendations to Congress within twelve months after the convening of the first session of the Ninety-third Congress concerning:

(1) whether it would be advisable in carrying out the purposes of this Act to include the Arlington National Cemetery within the National Cemetery System established by this Act;

(2) the appropriateness of maintaining the present eligibility requirements for burial at Arlington National Cemetery; and

(3) the advisability of establishing another national cemetery in or near the District of Columbia.

SEC. 4. (a) Subchapter II of chapter 3 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section:

72 Stat. 1114.
38 USC 210.

“§ 218. Standards of conduct and arrests for crimes at hospitals, domiciliaries, cemeteries, and other Veterans’ Administration reservations

“(a) For the purpose of maintaining law and order and of protecting persons and property on lands (including cemeteries) and in buildings under the jurisdiction of the Veterans’ Administration (and not under the control of the Administrator of General Services), the Administrator or any officer or employee of the Veterans’ Administration duly authorized by him may—

Rules and
regulations.

“(1) make all needful rules and regulations for the governing of the property under his charge and control, and annex to such rules and regulations such reasonable penalties within the limits prescribed in subsection (b) of this section as will insure their enforcement. Such rules and regulations shall be posted in a conspicuous place on such property;

“(2) designate officers and employees of the Veterans’ Administration to act as special policemen on such property and, if the Administrator deems it economical and in the public interest, with the concurrence of the head of the agency concerned, utilize the facilities and services of existing Federal law-enforcement agencies, and, with the consent of any State or local agency, utilize the facilities and services of such State or local law-enforcement agencies; and

“(3) empower officers or employees of the Veterans’ Administration who have been duly authorized to perform investigative functions to act as special investigators and to carry firearms, whether on Federal property or in travel status. Such special investigators shall have, while on real property under the charge and control of the Veterans’ Administration, the power to enforce Federal laws for the protection of persons and property and the power to enforce rules and regulations issued under subsection (a)(1) of this section. Any such special investigator may make an arrest with or without a warrant for any offense committed upon such property in his presence or if he has reasonable ground to believe (A) the offense constitutes a felony under the laws of the United States, and (B) that the person to be arrested is guilty of that offense.

“(b) Whoever shall violate any rule or regulation issued pursuant to subsection (a)(1) of this section shall be fined not more than \$50 or imprisoned not more than thirty days, or both.”

Penalty.

(b) Section 625 of title 38, United States Code, is hereby repealed.

Repeal.
72 Stat. 1144;
83 Stat. 34.

(c) (1) The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 3 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by inserting immediately after—

“217. Studies of rehabilitation of disabled persons.”

the following:

“218. Standards of conduct and arrests for crimes at hospitals, domiciliaries, cemeteries, and other Veterans’ Administration reservations.”.

(2) The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 17 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking out—

“625. Arrests for crimes in hospitals and domiciliary reservations.”.

23 USC 901.

SEC. 5. (a) Chapter 23 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by—

72 Stat. 1170;
75 Stat. 218.

(1) amending section 903 to read as follows:

“§ 903. Death in Veterans’ Administration facility; plot allowance

“(a) Where death occurs in a Veterans’ Administration facility to which the deceased was properly admitted for hospital or domiciliary care under section 610 or 611 of this title, the Administrator—

72 Stat. 1141;
84 Stat. 1096.

“(1) shall pay the actual cost (not to exceed \$250) of the burial and funeral or, within such limits, may make contracts for such services without regard to the laws requiring advertisement for proposals for supplies and services for the Veterans’ Administration; and

“(2) shall, when such a death occurs in a State, transport the body to the place of burial in the same or any other State.

72 Stat. 1169;
80 Stat. 29.
38 USC 902.

“(b) In addition to the foregoing, if such a veteran, or a veteran eligible for a burial allowance under section 902 of this title, is not buried in a national cemetery or other cemetery under the jurisdiction of the United States, the Administrator, in his discretion, having due regard for the circumstances in each case, may pay a sum not exceeding \$150, as a plot or interment allowance to such person as he prescribes. In any case where any part of the plot or interment expenses have been paid or assumed by a State, any agency or political subdivision of a State, or the employer of the deceased veteran, no claim for such allowance shall be allowed for more than the difference between the entire amount of the expenses incurred and the amount paid or assumed by any or all of the foregoing entities.”; and

(2) adding at the end of such chapter the following new sections:

“§ 906. Headstones and markers

“(a) The Administrator shall furnish, when requested, appropriate Government headstones or markers at the expense of the United States for the unmarked graves of the following:

“(1) Any individual buried in a national cemetery or in a post cemetery.

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“(2) Any individual eligible for burial in a national cemetery (but not buried there), except for those persons or classes of persons enumerated in section 1002 (4), (5), and (6) of this title.

“(3) Soldiers of the Union and Confederate Armies of the Civil War.

Ante, p. 76.

“(b) The Administrator shall furnish, when requested, an appropriate memorial headstone or marker to commemorate any veteran dying in the service, and whose remains have not been recovered or identified or were buried at sea, for placement by the applicant in a national cemetery area reserved for such purposes under the provisions of section 1003 of this title, or in any private or local cemetery.

“§ 907. Death from service-connected disability

“In any case in which a veteran dies as the result of a service-connected disability or disabilities, the Administrator, upon the request of the survivors of such veteran, shall pay the burial and funeral expenses incurred in connection with the death of the veteran in an amount not exceeding the amount authorized to be paid under section 8134(a) of title 5 in the case of a Federal employee whose death occurs as the result of an injury sustained in the performance of duty. Funeral and burial benefits provided under this section shall be in lieu of any benefits authorized under sections 902 and 903 (a) (1) and (b) of this title.”

80 Stat. 548.

(b) The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 23 of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking out

“903. Death in Veterans’ Administration facility.”

and inserting in lieu thereof

“903. Death in Veterans’ Administration facility; plot allowance.”;

and

(2) by adding at the end thereof the following items:

“906. Headstones and markers.

“907. Death from service-connected disability.”.

SEC. 6. (a) (1) There are hereby transferred from the Secretary of the Army to the Administrator of Veterans’ Affairs all jurisdiction over, and responsibility for, (A) all national cemeteries (except the cemetery at the United States Soldiers’ and Airmen’s Home and Arlington National Cemetery), and (B) any other cemetery (including burial plots), memorial, or monument under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Army immediately preceding the effective date of this section (except the cemetery located at the United States Military Academy at West Point) which the President determines would be appropriate in carrying out the purposes of this Act.

Jurisdiction,
transfer.

(2) There are hereby transferred from the Secretary of the Navy and the Secretary of the Air Force to the Administrator of Veterans’ Affairs all jurisdiction over, and responsibility for, any cemetery (including burial plots), memorial, or monument under the jurisdiction of either Secretary immediately preceding the effective date of this section (except those cemeteries located at the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, the United States Naval Home Cemetery at Philadelphia, and the United States Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs) which the President determines would be appropriate in carrying out the purposes of this Act.

(b) So much of the personnel, property, records, and unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations, and other funds available to, or under the jurisdiction of, the Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of the Navy, and the Secretary of the Air Force, in connection with functions transferred by this Act, as determined by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, are transferred to the Administrator of Veterans’ Affairs.

Funds, transfer.

(c) All offenses committed and all penalties and forfeitures incurred under any of the provisions of law amended or repealed by this Act may be prosecuted and punished in the same manner and with the same effect as if such amendments or repeals had not been made.

Savings provisions.

(d) All rules, regulations, orders, permits, and other privileges issued or granted by the Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of the Navy, or the Secretary of the Air Force with respect to the cemeteries, memorials, and monuments transferred to the Veterans’ Administration by this Act, unless contrary to the provisions of such Act, shall remain in full force and effect until modified, suspended, overruled, or otherwise changed by the Administrator of Veterans’ Affairs, by any court of competent jurisdiction, or by operation of law.

(e) No suit, action, or other proceeding commenced by or against any officer in his official capacity as an official of the Department of the Army, the Department of the Navy, or the Department of the Air Force with respect to functions transferred under subsection (a) or (c) of this section shall abate by reason of the enactment of this section. No cause of action by or against any such department with respect to functions transferred under such subsection (a) or by or against any officer thereof in his official capacity, shall abate by reason of the enact-

ment of this section. Causes of actions, suits, or other proceedings may be asserted by or against the United States or such officer of the Veterans' Administration as may be appropriate and, in any litigation pending when this section takes effect, the court may at any time, upon its own motion or that of any party, enter an order which will give effect to the provisions of this subsection. If before the date this section takes effect, any such department, or officer thereof in his official capacity, is a party to a suit with respect to any function so transferred, such suit shall be continued by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs.

Repeals.

SEC. 7. (a) The following provisions of law are repealed, except with respect to rights and duties that matured, penalties, liabilities, and forfeitures that were incurred, and proceedings that were begun, before the effective date of this section:

(1) Sections 4870, 4871, 4872, 4873, 4875, 4877, 4881, and 4882 of the Revised Statutes (24 U.S.C. 271, 272, 273, 274, 276, 279, 286, and 287).

52 Stat. 1233.

(2) The Act entitled "An Act to provide for a national cemetery in every State", approved June 29, 1938 (24 U.S.C. 271a).

(3) The Act entitled "An Act to provide for selection of superintendents of national cemeteries from meritorious and trustworthy members of the Armed Forces who have been disabled in line of duty for active field service", approved March 24, 1948, as amended (24 U.S.C. 275).

62 Stat. 84;
75 Stat. 411.

(4) The proviso to the second paragraph preceding the center heading "MEDICAL DEPARTMENT" in the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the support of the Army for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, and for other purposes", approved July 24, 1876, as amended (24 U.S.C. 278).

19 Stat. 99.

(5) The Act entitled "An Act to provide for the procurement and supply of Government headstones or markers for unmarked graves of members of the Armed Forces dying in the service on or after honorable discharge therefrom, and other persons, and for other purposes", approved July 1, 1948, as amended (24 U.S.C. 279a-279c).

62 Stat. 1215;
84 Stat. 836.

(6) The Act entitled "An Act to establish eligibility for burial in national cemeteries, and for other purposes", approved May 14, 1948, as amended (24 U.S.C. 281).

73 Stat. 547.

(7) The Act entitled "An Act to provide for the erection of appropriate markers in national cemeteries to honor the memory of members of the Armed Forces missing in action", approved August 27, 1954, as amended (24 U.S.C. 279d).

68 Stat. 880;
70 Stat. 489.

(8) The Act entitled "An Act to provide for the utilization of surplus War Department owned military real property as national cemeteries, when feasible", approved August 4, 1947 (24 U.S.C. 281a-281c).

61 Stat. 742.

(9) The Act entitled "An Act to preserve historic graveyards in abandoned military posts", approved July 1, 1947 (24 U.S.C. 296).

61 Stat. 234.

(10) The Act entitled "An Act to provide for the utilization as a national cemetery of surplus Army Department owned military real property at Fort Logan, Colorado", approved March 10, 1950 (24 U.S.C. 281d-f).

64 Stat. 12.

(11) The Act entitled "An Act to provide for the expansion and disposition of certain national cemeteries", approved August 10, 1950 (24 U.S.C. 281g).

64 Stat. 434.

(12) The ninth paragraph following the side heading "National Cemeteries" in the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the Government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and thirteen, and for other purposes", approved August 24, 1912 (24 U.S.C. 282).

37 Stat. 440.

(13) The fourth paragraph after the center heading "NATIONAL CEMETERIES" in title II of the Act entitled "An Act making appropri-

ations for the military and nonmilitary activities of the War Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926, and for other purposes"; approved February 12, 1925 (24 U.S.C. 288).

(14) The second paragraph following the center heading "CEMETERIAL EXPENSES" in the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1942, for civil functions administered by the War Department, and for other purposes", approved May 23, 1941 (24 U.S.C. 289).

(15) The first proviso to the second paragraph and all of the third paragraph following the center heading "NATIONAL CEMETERIES" in title II of the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the military and nonmilitary activities of the War Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1927, and for other purposes", approved April 15, 1926 (44 Stat. 287).

(16) The first proviso to the second paragraph and all of the third paragraph following the center heading "NATIONAL CEMETERIES" in title II of the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the military and nonmilitary activities of the War Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1928, and for other purposes", approved February 23, 1927 (44 Stat. 1138).

(17) The first proviso of the fourth paragraph and all of the fifth paragraph following the center heading "NATIONAL CEMETERIES" in title II of the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the military and nonmilitary activities of the War Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1929, and for other purposes", approved March 23, 1928 (45 Stat. 354).

(18) The first proviso to the second paragraph and all of the third paragraph following the center heading "NATIONAL CEMETERIES" in title II of the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the military and nonmilitary activities of the War Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1930, and for other purposes", approved February 28, 1929 (45 Stat. 1375).

(19) The first proviso to the paragraph immediately following the center heading "CEMETERIAL EXPENSES" in title II of the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the military and nonmilitary activities of the War Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1931, and for other purposes", approved May 28, 1930 (46 Stat. 458).

(20) The first proviso to the paragraph immediately following the center heading "CEMETERIAL EXPENSES" in title II of the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the military and nonmilitary activities of the War Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1932, and for other purposes", approved February 23, 1931 (46 Stat. 1302).

(21) The first proviso to the paragraph immediately following the center heading "CEMETERIAL EXPENSES" in title II of the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the military and nonmilitary activities of the War Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1933, and for other purposes", approved July 14, 1932 (47 Stat. 689).

(22) The first proviso to the paragraph immediately following the center heading "CEMETERIAL EXPENSES" in title II of the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the military and nonmilitary activities of the War Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1934, and for other purposes", approved March 4, 1933 (47 Stat. 1595).

(23) The first proviso to the paragraph immediately following the center heading "CEMETERIAL EXPENSES" in title II of the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the military and nonmilitary activities of the War Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1935, and for other purposes", approved April 26, 1934 (48 Stat. 639).

(24) The first proviso to the paragraph immediately following the

Repeals.

43 Stat. 926.

55 Stat. 191.

24 USC 290
note, 288.

Repeals.

24 USC 290
note, 288.

center heading "CEMETERIAL EXPENSES" in title II of the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the military and nonmilitary activities of the War Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1936, and for other purposes", approved April 9, 1935 (49 Stat. 145).

(25) The first proviso to the paragraph immediately following the center heading "CEMETERIAL EXPENSES" in title II of the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the military and nonmilitary activities of the War Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1937, and for other purposes", approved May 15, 1936 (49 Stat. 1305).

(26) The first proviso to the paragraph following the center heading "CEMETERIAL EXPENSES" in the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1938, for civil functions administered by the War Department, and for other purposes", approved July 19, 1937 (50 Stat. 515).

(27) The first proviso to the first paragraph and all of the second paragraph following the center heading "CEMETERIAL EXPENSES" in the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1939, for civil functions administered by the War Department and for other purposes", approved June 11, 1938 (52 Stat. 668).

(28) The first proviso to the first paragraph and all of the second paragraph following the center heading "CEMETERIAL EXPENSES" in the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1940, for civil functions administered by the War Department, and for other purposes", approved June 28, 1939 (53 Stat. 857).

(29) The first proviso to the first paragraph and all of the second paragraph immediately following the center heading "CEMETERIAL EXPENSES" in the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1941, for civil functions administered by the War Department, and for other purposes", approved June 24, 1940 (54 Stat. 505).

(30) The first proviso to the paragraph immediately following the center heading "CEMETERIAL EXPENSES" in the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1942, for civil functions administered by the War Department, and for other purposes", approved May 23, 1941 (55 Stat. 191).

(31) The first proviso to the paragraph immediately following the center heading "CEMETERIAL EXPENSES" in the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1943, for civil functions administered by the War Department, and for other purposes", approved April 28, 1942 (56 Stat. 220).

(32) The first proviso to the paragraph immediately following the center heading "CEMETERIAL EXPENSES" in the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1944, for civil functions administered by the War Department, and for other purposes", approved June 2, 1943 (57 Stat. 94).

(33) The first proviso to the paragraph immediately following the center heading "CEMETERIAL EXPENSES" in the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1945, for civil functions administered by the War Department, and for other purposes", approved June 26, 1944 (58 Stat. 327-328).

(34) The first proviso to the paragraph immediately following the center heading "CEMETERIAL EXPENSES" in the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1946, for civil functions administered by the War Department, and for other purposes", approved March 31, 1945 (59 Stat. 39).

(35) The first proviso to the paragraph immediately following the center heading "CEMETERIAL EXPENSES" in the Act entitled "An Act

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making appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1947, for civil functions administered by the War Department, and for other purposes", approved May 2, 1946 (60 Stat. 161).

Repeals.

24 USC 290
note, 289.

(36) The first proviso to the paragraph immediately following the center heading "CEMETERIAL EXPENSES" in the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for civil functions administered by the War Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1948, and for other purposes", approved July 31, 1947 (61 Stat. 687).

(37) The first proviso to the paragraph immediately following the center heading "CEMETERIAL EXPENSES" in the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for civil functions administered by the Department of the Army for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1949, and for other purposes", approved June 25, 1948 (62 Stat. 1019).

(38) The first proviso to the paragraph immediately following the center heading "CEMETERIAL EXPENSES" in the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for civil functions administered by the Department of the Army for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1950, and for other purposes", approved October 13, 1949 (63 Stat. 846).

(39) The first proviso to the paragraph following the center heading "CEMETERIAL EXPENSES" in chapter IX of the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the support of the Government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1951, and for other purposes", approved September 6, 1950 (64 Stat. 725).

(40) The first proviso to the paragraph immediately following the center heading "CEMETERIAL EXPENSES" in the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for civil functions administered by the Department of the Army for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1952, and for other purposes", approved October 24, 1951 (65 Stat. 617).

(41) The first proviso to the paragraph immediately following the center heading "CEMETERIAL EXPENSES" in the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for civil functions administered by the Department of the Army for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953, and for other purposes", approved July 11, 1952 (66 Stat. 579).

(42) The first proviso to the paragraph immediately following the center heading "CEMETERIAL EXPENSES" in the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for civil functions administered by the Department of the Army for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1954, and for other purposes", approved July 27, 1953 (24 U.S.C. 290).

67 Stat. 197.

(43) The first proviso to the third paragraph following the center heading "NATIONAL CEMETERIES" in title II of the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the military and nonmilitary activities of the War Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926, and for other purposes", approved February 12, 1925 (43 Stat. 926).

(44) The first and second provisos to the paragraph immediately following the center heading "CEMETERIAL EXPENSES" in the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for civil functions administered by the Department of the Army for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955, and for other purposes", approved June 30, 1954 (68 Stat. 331).

(45) The first and second provisos to the paragraph immediately following the center heading "CEMETERIAL EXPENSES" in the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the Atomic Energy Commission, the Tennessee Valley Authority, certain agencies of the Department of the Interior, and civil functions administered by the Department of the Army, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956, and for other purposes", approved July 15, 1955 (69 Stat. 360).

(46) The first and second provisos to the paragraph immediately following the center heading "CEMETERIAL EXPENSES" in the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the Tennessee Valley Authority,

certain agencies of the Department of the Interior, and civil functions administered by the Department of the Army, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1957, and for other purposes", approved July 2, 1956 (70 Stat. 474).

Repeals.

(47) The third proviso to the paragraph immediately following the center heading "CEMETERIAL EXPENSES" in the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for civil functions administered by the Department of the Army and certain agencies of the Department of the Interior, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1958, and for other purposes", approved August 26, 1957 (71 Stat. 416).

(48) The third proviso to the paragraph immediately following the center heading "CEMETERIAL EXPENSES" in the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for civil functions administered by the Department of the Army, certain agencies of the Department of the Interior, and the Tennessee Valley Authority, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1959, and for other purposes", approved September 2, 1958 (72 Stat. 1572).

(49) The third proviso to the paragraph immediately following the center heading "CEMETERIAL EXPENSES" in the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for civil functions administered by the Department of the Army, certain agencies of the Department of the Interior, and the Tennessee Valley Authority, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1960, and for other purposes", approved September 10, 1959 (73 Stat. 492).

(50) The third proviso to the paragraph immediately following the center heading "CEMETERIAL EXPENSES" in the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for certain civil functions administered by the Department of Defense, certain agencies of the Department of the Interior, the Atomic Energy Commission, the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, the Tennessee Valley Authority, and certain river basin commissions for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1963, and for other purposes", approved October 24, 1962 (76 Stat. 1216).

(51) The third proviso to the paragraph immediately following the center heading "CEMETERIAL EXPENSES" in the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for certain civil functions administered by the Department of Defense, certain agencies of the Department of the Interior, the Atomic Energy Commission, the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, the Tennessee Valley Authority, and certain river basin commissions for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1964, and for other purposes", approved December 31, 1963 (77 Stat. 844).

(52) The third proviso to the paragraph immediately following the center heading "CEMETERIAL EXPENSES" in the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for certain civil functions administered by the Department of Defense, the Panama Canal, certain agencies of the Department of the Interior, the Atomic Energy Commission, the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, the Tennessee Valley Authority and the Delaware River Basin Commission, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1965, and for other purposes", approved August 30, 1964 (78 Stat. 682).

(53) The third proviso to the paragraph immediately following the center heading "CEMETERIAL EXPENSES" in the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for certain civil functions administered by the Department of Defense, the Panama Canal, certain agencies of the Department of the Interior, the Atomic Energy Commission, the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, the Tennessee Valley Authority and the Delaware River Basin Commission, and the Inter-oceanic Canal Commission, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1966, and for other purposes", approved October 28, 1965 (79 Stat. 1096).

Repeals.

(54) The third proviso to the paragraph immediately following the center heading "CEMETERIAL EXPENSES" in the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for certain civil functions administered by the Department of Defense, the Panama Canal, certain agencies of the Department of the Interior, the Atomic Energy Commission, the Atlantic-Pacific Interoceanic Canal Study Commission, the Delaware River Basin Commission, the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, the Tennessee Valley Authority, and the Water Resources Council, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1967, and for other purposes", approved October 15, 1966 (80 Stat. 1002).

(55) The third proviso to the paragraph immediately following the center heading "CEMETERIAL EXPENSES" in the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for certain civil functions administered by the Department of Defense, the Panama Canal, certain agencies of the Department of the Interior, the Atomic Energy Commission, the Atlantic-Pacific Interoceanic Canal Study Commission, the Delaware River Basin Commission, Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin, the Tennessee Valley Authority, and the Water Resources Council, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1968, and for other purposes", approved November 20, 1967 (81 Stat. 471).

(56) The third proviso to the paragraph immediately following the center heading "CEMETERIAL EXPENSES" in the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for certain civil functions administered by the Department of Defense, the Panama Canal, certain agencies of the Department of the Interior, the Atlantic-Pacific Interoceanic Canal Study Commission, the Delaware River Basin Commission, Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin, the Tennessee Valley Authority, the Water Resources Council, and the Atomic Energy Commission, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1969, and for other purposes", approved August 12, 1968 (82 Stat. 705).

(57) The third proviso to the paragraph immediately following the center heading "CEMETERIAL EXPENSES" in the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for public works for water, pollution control, and power development, including the Corps of Engineers—Civil, the Panama Canal, the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration, the Bureau of Reclamation, power agencies of the Department of the Interior, the Tennessee Valley Authority, the Atomic Energy Commission, and related independent agencies and commissions for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1970, and for other purposes", approved December 11, 1969 (83 Stat. 327).

(58) The first proviso to the paragraph following the center heading "CEMETERIAL EXPENSES" in the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for public works for water, pollution control, and power development, including the Corps of Engineers—Civil, the Panama Canal, the Federal Water Quality Administration, the Bureau of Reclamation, power agencies of the Department of the Interior, the Tennessee Valley Authority, the Atomic Energy Commission, and related independent agencies and commissions for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1971, and for other purposes", approved October 7, 1970 (84 Stat. 893).

(59) The first proviso to the paragraph following the center heading "CEMETERIAL EXPENSES" in the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for public works for water and power development, including the Corps of Engineers—Civil, the Bureau of Reclamation, the Bonneville Power Administration and other power agencies of the Department of the Interior, the Appalachian Regional Commission, the Federal Power Commission, the Tennessee Valley Authority, the Atomic Energy Commission, and related independent agencies and commissions for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1972, and for other purposes", approved October 5, 1971 (85 Stat. 368).

Repeals.

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(60) The Act entitled "An Act to revise eligibility requirements for burial in national cemeteries, and for other purposes", approved September 14, 1959 (73 Stat. 547).

(61) The Act entitled "An Act to amend the Act of March 24, 1948, which establishes special requirements governing the selection of superintendents of national cemeteries", approved August 30, 1961 (75 Stat. 411).

(b) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to affect in any manner the functions, powers, and duties of—

(1) the Secretary of the Interior with respect to those cemeteries, memorials, or monuments under his jurisdiction on the effective date of this section, or

(2) the Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of the Navy, or the Secretary of the Air Force with respect to those cemeteries, memorials, or monuments under his jurisdiction to which the transfer provisions of section 6(a) of this Act do not apply.

73 Stat. 453.

SEC. 8. The first sentence of section 3505(a) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by inserting immediately after the words "gratuitous benefits" where first appearing therein, the following: "(including the right to burial in a national cemetery)".

SEC. 9. (a) The Secretary of Defense is authorized and directed to cause to be brought to the United States the remains of an American, who was a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, who served in Southeast Asia who lost his life during the Vietnam era, and whose identity has not been established, for burial in the Memorial Amphitheater of the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia.

(b) The implementation of this section shall take place after the United States has concluded its participation in hostilities in Southeast Asia, as determined by the President or the Congress of the United States.

Appropriation.

(c) There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

Effective dates.

SEC. 10. (a) The first section and sections 2, 3, 4, and 8 of this Act shall take effect on the date of enactment of this Act.

(b) Clause (1) of section 5(a) shall take effect on the first day of the second calendar month following the date of enactment of this Act.

Publication in Federal Register.

(c) Clause (2) of section 5(a) and sections 6 and 7 of this Act shall take effect September 1, 1973, or on such earlier date as the President may prescribe and publish in the Federal Register.

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AN ACT

To amend the Airport and Airway Development Act of 1970, as amended, to increase the United States share of allowable project costs under such Act, to amend the Federal Aviation Act of 1958, as amended, to prohibit certain State taxation of persons in air commerce, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "Airport Development Acceleration Act of 1973".

SEC. 2. Section 11(2) of the Airport and Airway Development Act of 1970 (49 U.S.C. 1711) is amended by inserting immediately after "Federal Aviation Act of 1958," the following: "and security equipment required of the sponsor by the Secretary by rule or regulation

Airport Development Acceleration Act of 1973.
84 Stat. 220.