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H. R. 1602

To restore the grave marker allowance for veterans.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KANJORSKI introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

To restore the grave marker allowance for veterans.

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. GRAVE MARKER ALLOWANCE.**

4 Section 906 of title 38, United States Code, is
5 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
6 section:

7 “(e) In lieu of furnishing a headstone or marker
8 under subsection (a)(2) or (b) of this section, the Sec-
9 retary, in the Secretary’s discretion, having due regard for
10 the circumstances in each case, may reimburse the person
11 entitled to request such headstone or marker for the cost
12 of acquiring a non-Government headstone or marker for

1 placement in any cemetery other than a national cemetery
2 in connection with the burial or memorialization of the de-
3 ceased individual. The cost referred to in the preceding
4 sentence is the cost actually incurred by or on behalf of
5 such person or the cost prepaid by the deceased individual
6 as the case may be. Reimbursement under this subsection
7 may be made only upon the request of the person entitled
8 to request the headstone or marker and may not be made
9 in an amount in excess of the average actual cost, as deter-
10 mined by the Secretary, of headstones and markers fur-
11 nished under subsections (a) and (b) of this section.”.

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