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S. 217

To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the payment to States of plot allowances for certain veterans eligible for burial in a national cemetery who are buried in cemeteries of such States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

January 28, 1997

Mr. Biden 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. PAYMENT OF PLOT OR INTERMENT ALLOW-
- 4 ANCE.
- 5 Section 2303 of title 38, United States Code, is
- 6 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
- 7 section;

1	"(c)(1) Subject to paragraph (3), the Secretary shall
2	pay to any State, or agency or political subdivision of such
3	State, a plot or interment allowance of \$150 for the burial
4	of any veteran who—
5	"(A) is eligible for burial in a national cemetery
6	under section 2402 of this title; and
7	"(B) is buried (without charge for the cost of
8	a plot or interment) in a cemetery, or a section of
9	a cemetery, that—
10	"(i) is used solely for the interment of per-
11	sons eligible for burial in a national cemetery;
12	and
13	"(ii) is owned by such State, or agency or
14	political subdivision.
15	"(2) The payment of a plot or interment allowance
16	under this subsection shall be in addition to any benefits
17	provided under section 2302 or 2307 of this title, or sub-
18	section (a).
19	"(3) The Secretary may not pay a plot or interment
20	allowance under this subsection for the burial of any vet-
21	eran for which the Secretary pays a plot or interment al-
22	lowance under subsection (b)(1).".