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# S. 1215

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 10, 1999

Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. CONRAD, and Mr. LEAHY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## 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. AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE HEADSTONES OR**  
4                       **MARKERS FOR MARKED GRAVES OR OTHER-**  
5                       **WISE COMMEMORATE CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS.**

6       (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2306 of title 38, United  
7       States Code, is amended—

1           (1) in subsections (a) and (e)(1), by striking  
2       “the unmarked graves of”; and

3           (2) by adding at the end the following:

4       “(f) A headstone or marker furnished under sub-  
5 section (a) shall be furnished, upon request, for the  
6 marked grave or unmarked grave of the individual or at  
7 another area appropriate for the purpose of commemo-  
8 rating the individual.”.

9       (b) APPLICABILITY.—(1) Except as provided in para-  
10 graph (2), the amendment to subsection (a) of section  
11 2306 of title 38, United States Code, made by subsection  
12 (a) of this section, and subsection (f) of such section 2306,  
13 as added by subsection (a) of this section, shall apply with  
14 respect to burials occurring before, on, or after the date  
15 of the enactment of this Act.

16       (2) The amendments referred to in paragraph (1)  
17 shall not apply in the case of the grave for any individual  
18 who died before November 1, 1990, for which the Admin-  
19 istrator of Veterans’ Affairs provided reimbursement in  
20 lieu of furnishing a headstone or marker under subsection  
21 (d) of section 906 of title 38, United States Code, as such  
22 subsection was in effect after September 30, 1978, and  
23 before November 1, 1990.

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