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S. 1077

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in southeastern Pennsylvania.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SPECTER (for himself and Mr. SANTORUM) 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. ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL CEMETERY IN 4 SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs  
6 shall establish, in accordance with chapter 24 of title 38,  
7 United States Code, a national cemetery in southeastern  
8 Pennsylvania to serve the needs of veterans and their fam-  
9 ilies.

1       (b) CONSULTATION IN SELECTION OF SITE.—Before  
2 selecting the site for the national cemetery established  
3 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall consult with—

4           (1) appropriate officials of the State of Penn-  
5 sylvania and local officials of southeastern Pennsyl-  
6 vania,

7           (2) appropriate officials of the United States,  
8 including the Administrator of General Services,  
9 with respect to land belonging to the United States  
10 in that area that would be suitable for the purpose  
11 of establishing the national cemetery under sub-  
12 section (a); and

13           (3) representatives of veterans service organiza-  
14 tions.

15       (c) REPORT.—Not later than six months after the  
16 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall sub-  
17 mit to Congress a report on the establishment of the na-  
18 tional cemetery under subsection (a). The report shall set  
19 forth a schedule for the establishment of such cemetery  
20 and an estimate of the costs associated with the establish-  
21 ment of such cemetery.

