

109TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 531

To amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the allowance for burial expenses of certain veterans.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 2, 2005

Mr. CASE (for himself, Mr. EVANS, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. BRADLEY of New Hampshire, Mr. BASS, Mr. STRICKLAND, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Ms. CARSON, Mr. FARR, and Mr. ALLEN) introduced the following bill; which was 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “State Veterans Cemetery Fairness Act of 2005”.

6       **SEC. 2. INCREASE OF ALLOWANCE FOR THE PLOT ALLOW-  
7       ANCE OF CERTAIN VETERANS.**

8       (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2303(b)(1)(A) of title 38,

9       United States Code, is amended by inserting after “\$300”

1 the following: “(or, in the case of a State in which ground  
2 burial in a national cemetery is not available, the lesser  
3 of the actual costs or \$750)”.  
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(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
subsection (a) shall apply to deaths occurring on or after  
the date of the enactment of this Act.

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