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H. R. 3249

To amend title 38, United States Code, to increase burial benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 31, 2007

Ms. BERKLEY (for herself, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Ms. LEE, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. SERRANO, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. GORDON of Tennessee, Mr. HARE, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. KAGEN, Mr. FILNER, Mr. VIS-CLOSKY, Ms. WOOLSEY, and Mr. SPACE) introduced the following bill; which was 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Veterans Burial Bene-
5 fits Improvement Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN BURIAL BENEFITS FOR VETERANS.**

7 (a) BURIAL AND FUNERAL EXPENSES.—(1) Section
8 2302(a) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by

1 striking “\$300” and inserting “\$1,270 (as increased from
2 time to time under section 5312(a) of this title)”.

3 (2) Section 2303(a)(1)(A) of such title is amended
4 by striking “\$300” and inserting “\$1,270 (as increased
5 from time to time under section 5312(a) of this title)”.

6 (3) Section 2307 of such title is amended by striking
7 “\$2,000,” and inserting “\$4,100 (as increased from time
8 to time under section 5312(a) of this title),”.

9 (b) PLOT ALLOWANCE.—Section 2303(b) of such
10 title is amended—

11 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “\$300” and
12 inserting “\$745 (as increased from time to time
13 under section 5312(a) of this title)”; and

14 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “\$300” the
15 second place it appears and inserting “\$745 (as in-
16 creased from time to time under section 5312(a) of
17 this title)”.

18 (c) ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT.—Section 5312(a) of such
19 title is amended by striking “and each rate of monthly
20 allowance paid under section 1805 of this title,” and in-
21 serting “each rate of monthly allowance paid under section
22 1805 of this title, each rate of burial and funeral expenses
23 provided for under sections 2302(a), 2303(a)(1)(A), and
24 2307 of this title, and each rate of plot allowance provided
25 for under section 2303(b) of this title,”.

1 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—(1) Except as provided in
2 paragraph (2), the amendments made by this section shall
3 apply to deaths occurring on or after the date of the enact-
4 ment of this Act.

5 (2) No adjustments shall be made under section
6 5312(a) of title 38, United States Code, as amended by
7 subsection (c), for fiscal year 2008 for rates of burial and
8 funeral expenses provided for under sections 2302(a),
9 2303(a)(1)(A), and 2307 of title 38, United States Code,
10 and each rate of plot allowance provided for under section
11 2303(b) of such title.

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