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# H. R. 358

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 9, 2007

Mr. REICHERT 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. PERMANENCE AND EXPANSION OF DEPART-**  
2 **MENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS BENEFIT FOR**  
3 **GOVERNMENT MARKERS FOR MARKED**  
4 **GRAVES OF VETERANS BURIED IN PRIVATE**  
5 **CEMETERIES.**

6 (a) PERMANENCY OF PROGRAM.—Subsection (d) of  
7 section 2306 of title 38, United States Code is amended  
8 by striking paragraph (3).

9 (b) EXPANSION OF BENEFIT.—Such subsection, as  
10 amended by subsection (a), is further amended—

11 (1) by striking “marker” each place it appears  
12 and inserting “headstone or marker”; and

13 (2) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-  
14 lowing new paragraph (3):

15 “(3) In the case of a grave for which a headstone  
16 or marker is requested that is marked by a headstone or  
17 marker furnished at private expense, the Government  
18 headstone or marker may be furnished if the individual  
19 making the request for the Government headstone or  
20 marker certifies to the Secretary that the headstone or  
21 marker will be placed as close as practicable to that  
22 grave.”.

23 (c) APPLICATION OF GOVERNMENT MARKER BEN-  
24 EFIT TO VETERANS DYING ON OR AFTER NOVEMBER 1,  
25 1990.—Subsection (d) of section 502 of the Veterans  
26 Education and Benefits Expansion Act of 2001 (Public

1 Law 107–103; 38 U.S.C. 2306 note) is amended by strik-  
2 ing “September 11, 2001” and inserting “November 1,  
3 1990”.

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