

110TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 1757

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 10, 2007

Mr. AKAKA (by request) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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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; REFERENCES TO TITLE 38,**  
4       **UNITED STATES CODE.**

5       (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the  
6       “Veterans’ Authorities Expansion Act of 2007”.

7       (b) **REFERENCES.**—Except as otherwise expressly  
8       provided, whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal  
9       is expressed in terms of an amendment or repeal to a sec-  
10      tion or other provision, the reference shall be considered

1 to be made to a section or other provision of title 38,  
 2 United States Code.

3 **SEC. 2. PERMANENT TREATMENT AUTHORITY FOR PAR-**  
 4 **TICIPANTS IN DOD CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGI-**  
 5 **CAL TESTING CONDUCTED BY DESERET TEST**  
 6 **CENTER (INCLUDING PROJECT SHIPBOARD**  
 7 **HAZARD AND DEFENSE).**

8 Section 1710(e)(3) is amended—

9 (1) in clause (B), by inserting “and” after the  
 10 semicolon; and

11 (2) by striking “; and” at the end of clause (C)  
 12 and all that follows before the period at the end of  
 13 paragraph (3).

14 **SEC. 3. PERMANENT AND RETROACTIVE AUTHORITY FOR**  
 15 **VA TO FURNISH GOVERNMENT HEADSTONES**  
 16 **OR MARKERS FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS IN**  
 17 **PRIVATE CEMETERIES.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2306 is amended—

19 (1) by striking paragraph (d)(3); and

20 (2) by re-designating paragraph (d)(4) as para-  
 21 graph (d)(3).

22 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The provisions of section  
 23 2306(d) of title 38, United States Code, as amended by  
 24 this Act, apply to a veteran who died on or after November  
 25 1, 1990.

1 **SEC. 4. EXTENSION OF INCREASE IN BENEFIT FOR INDIVID-**  
2 **UALS PURSUING APPRENTICESHIP OR ON-**  
3 **THE-JOB TRAINING.**

4 Section 103 of the Veterans Benefits Improvement  
5 Act of 2004 (Public Law No. 108–454; 118 Stat. 3600),  
6 as amended, is amended by striking “2008” each place  
7 it appears and inserting “2011”.

8 **SEC. 5. EXTENSION OF WORK-STUDY ALLOWANCE.**

9 Section 3485(a)(4) is amended by striking “June 30,  
10 2007” each place it appears and inserting “September 30,  
11 2010”.

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