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To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide a plot allowance for spouses and children of certain veterans who are buried in State cemeteries.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. BARTLETT, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. PERLMUTTER, Mr. ISSA, Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin, Mr. POSEY, Mrs. LUMMIS, Mr. OLSON, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. KLINE of Minnesota, Mr. COLE, Mr. FLEMING, Mr. CHAFFETZ, Mr. BROUN of Georgia, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. COURTNEY, Ms. FALLIN, Mr. WOLF, Mr. SCALISE, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. LANCE, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. HODES, Mr. ROONEY, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. SOUDER, and Mr. MANZULLO) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. PAYMENT BY SECRETARY OF VETERANS AF-**
2 **FAIRS OF PLOT ALLOWANCE FOR SPOUSES**
3 **AND CHILDREN OF CERTAIN VETERANS WHO**
4 **ARE BURIED IN STATE CEMETERIES.**

5 (a) **PLOT ALLOWANCE.**—Section 2303 of title 38,
6 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
7 following new subsection:

8 “(c)(1) In the case of an individual described in para-
9 graph (2) who is buried in a cemetery that is owned by
10 a State or by an agency or political subdivision of a State,
11 the Secretary shall pay to such State, agency, or political
12 subdivision the sum of \$300 as a plot or interment allow-
13 ance for such individual.

14 “(2) An individual described in this paragraph is a
15 spouse, surviving spouse (which for purposes of this chap-
16 ter includes a surviving spouse who had a subsequent re-
17 marriage), minor child (which for purposes of this chapter
18 includes a child under 21 years of age, or under 23 years
19 of age if pursuing a course of instruction at an approved
20 educational institution), or, in the discretion of the Sec-
21 retary, unmarried adult child of any of person described
22 in paragraph (1), (2), (3), (4), or (7) of section 2402 of
23 this title.”.

24 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—Subsection (c) of section
25 2303 of title 38, United States Code, as added by sub-

1 section (a), shall apply with respect to an individual who
2 dies on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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