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H. R. 6044

To amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to accept voluntary services from veterans and veterans service organizations at national cemeteries.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 27, 2012

Mr. PLATTS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Volunteer Veterans
5 for Cemetery Service Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT VOLUNTARY SERVICES.**

2 (a) DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.—Section 1588(a) of
3 title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
4 end the following new paragraph:

5 “(9) Voluntary services performed by a veteran
6 or a veterans service organization at a cemetery
7 under the control of the Secretary to support the
8 personnel of such cemetery, including by a veteran
9 sharing with visitors to the cemetery the story of the
10 military service of the veteran.”.

11 (b) DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.—Section
12 2404(e) of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

13 (1) by striking “In carrying out” and inserting
14 “(1) In carrying out”; and

15 (2) by adding at the end the following:

16 “(2)(A) In carrying out the Secretary’s responsibil-
17 ities under this chapter, the Secretary may accept vol-
18 untary services performed by a veteran or a veterans serv-
19 ice organization at a national cemetery to support the per-
20 sonnel of such cemetery, including by a veteran sharing
21 with visitors to the cemetery the story of the military serv-
22 ice of the veteran.

23 “(B) The Secretary shall prescribe regulations to
24 carry out subparagraph (A), including to ensure the prop-

- 1 er qualifications, supervision, and role of a volunteer under
- 2 such subparagraph.”.

