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H. R. 4565

To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish headstones or markers to private cemeteries for graves of certain veterans of World War I.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 6, 2017

Mr. TIPTON 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. REQUESTS BY PRIVATE CEMETERIES FOR**
4 **HEADSTONES OR MARKERS FOR GRAVES OF**
5 **CERTAIN VETERANS OF WORLD WAR I.**

6 Section 2306(d) of title 38, United States Code, is
7 amended by adding at the end the following new para-
8 graph:

1 “(6)(A) If the Secretary is unable to identify any next
2 of kin of a deceased individual described in subparagraph
3 (B), a private cemetery may request the Secretary to fur-
4 nish—

5 “(i) a headstone or marker for the grave of the
6 deceased individual pursuant to paragraph (1); or

7 “(ii) a medallion or other device to signify the
8 deceased individual’s status as a veteran pursuant to
9 paragraph (4).

10 “(B) A deceased individual described in this subpara-
11 graph is an individual who—

12 “(i) served in the Armed Forces during World
13 War I; and

14 “(ii) is eligible for a headstone or marker fur-
15 nished under paragraph (1) (or would be so eligible
16 but for the date of the death of the individual).”.

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