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S. 3616

To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the inclusion of certain emblems on headstones and markers furnished for veterans by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 6, 2020

Mr. BRAUN (for himself, Ms. SINEMA, and Mrs. LOEFFLER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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. INCLUSION OF CERTAIN EMBLEMS ON**
4 **HEADSTONES AND MARKERS FURNISHED BY**
5 **THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2306 of title 38, United
7 States Code, is amended—

1 (1) by redesignating subsection (i) as subsection
2 (j); and

3 (2) by inserting after subsection (h) the fol-
4 lowing new subsection (i):

5 “(i)(1) A headstone or marker furnished for a veteran
6 under subsection (a), (b), or (d) may include—

7 “(A) no emblem;

8 “(B) an emblem of belief; or

9 “(C) an emblem from among a list of emblems
10 that the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with
11 the Secretary, shall establish.

12 “(2) The list established under paragraph (1)(C)
13 shall include the following:

14 “(A) An emblem with respect to—

15 “(i) each unit at the level of separate bri-
16 gade or higher in the Army and each equivalent
17 unit in the Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and
18 Coast Guard; and

19 “(ii) each skill or combat badge or tab
20 earned by a member of the Armed Forces.

21 “(B) One or more emblems of the commissioned
22 Regular Corps of the Public Health Service.

23 “(C) One or more emblems of the commissioned
24 officer corps of the National Oceanic and Atmos-
25 pheric Administration.

1 “(D) Such other emblems as the Secretary of
 2 Defense, in coordination with the Secretary, con-
 3 siders appropriate and practical, such as the Marine
 4 Corps emblem or Army Infantry insignia.

5 “(3) The Secretary of Defense shall provide the Sec-
 6 retary with a digitized representation of each emblem in-
 7 cluded in the list established under paragraph (1)(C).”.

8 (b) ESTABLISHMENT OF LIST OF APPROVED EM-
 9 BLEMS.—Not later than June 1, 2021, the Secretary of
 10 Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of Veterans
 11 Affairs, shall establish the list of approved emblems re-
 12 quired by section 2306(i)(1)(C), as added by subsection
 13 (a), in accordance with such section.

14 (c) AVAILABILITY OF APPROVED EMBLEMS.—Not
 15 later than October 1, 2021, the Secretary of Veterans Af-
 16 fairs shall make the emblems on the list of approved em-
 17 blems required by section 2306(i)(1)(C), as added by sub-
 18 section (a), available for inclusion on headstones and
 19 markers.

20 (d) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by sub-
 21 section (a) shall apply with respect to headstones and
 22 markers furnished by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs
 23 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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