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H. R. 2513

To amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for burial benefits to include certain veterans who die in State nursing homes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 19, 1995

Mr. STUMP (for himself, Mr. MONTGOMERY, Mr. EVERETT, and Mr. EVANS) 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. EXPANSION OF BURIAL BENEFITS.**

4 Section 2303(a) of title 38, United States Code, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 “(a)(1) When a veteran dies in a facility described
7 in paragraph (2), the Secretary shall—

8 “(A) pay the actual cost (not to exceed \$300)
9 of the burial and funeral or, within such limits, may

1 make contracts for such services without regard to
2 the laws requiring advertisement for proposals for
3 supplies and services for the Department; and

4 “(B) when such a death occurs in a State,
5 transport the body to the place of burial in the same
6 or any other State.

7 “(2) A facility described in this paragraph is—

8 “(A) a Department facility (as defined in sec-
9 tion 1701(4) of this title) to which the deceased was
10 properly admitted for hospital, nursing home, or
11 domiciliary care under section 1710 or 1711(a) of
12 this title; or

13 “(B) an institution at which the deceased vet-
14 eran was, at the time of death, receiving—

15 “(i) hospital care in accordance with sec-
16 tion 1703 of this title;

17 “(ii) nursing home care under section 1720
18 of this title; or

19 “(iii) nursing home care pursuant to pay-
20 ments made under section 1741 of this title.”.

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