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# H. R. 3657

[Report No. 115-]

To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide headstones and markers for the graves of spouses and children of veterans who are buried in tribal cemeteries.

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### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 18, 2017

Mr. POLIQUIN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

OCTOBER --, 2017

Reported with amendments, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on August 18, 2017]

# **A BILL**

To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide headstones and markers for the graves of spouses and children of veterans who are buried in tribal cemeteries.

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. ELIGIBILITY OF SPOUSES AND CHILDREN OF**  
4 **VETERANS BURIED IN TRIBAL CEMETERIES**  
5 **FOR CERTAIN DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS**  
6 **AFFAIRS BURIAL BENEFITS.**

7 *Section 2306 of title 38, United States Code is amend-*  
8 *ed—*

9 *(1) in subsection (a)(4), by inserting “or a vet-*  
10 *erans’ cemetery owned by a tribal organization or on*  
11 *tribal land owned by or held in trust by a tribal or-*  
12 *ganization” after “State”;*

13 *(2) in subsection (b)(1), by inserting “, a vet-*  
14 *erans’ cemetery of a tribal organization or on tribal*  
15 *land owned by or held in trust by a tribal organiza-*  
16 *tion” after “owned by a State”; and*

17 *(3) in subsection (f)—*

18 *(A) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and*  
19 *(2) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively;*

20 *(B) by striking “The Secretary” and insert-*  
21 *ing “(1) The Secretary”;*

22 *(C) by striking “a national cemetery or in*  
23 *a veterans cemetery of a State or tribal organi-*  
24 *zation for which the Department has provided a*

1           *grant under section 2408 of this title” and in-*  
2           *serting “a covered cemetery”; and*

3                   *(D) by adding at the end the following:*

4           *“(2) The term ‘covered cemetery’ means any of the fol-*  
5           *lowing:*

6                   *“(A) A national cemetery.*

7                   *“(B) A veterans’ cemetery of a State for which*  
8           *the Department has provided a grant under section*  
9           *2408 of this title.*

10                   *“(C) A veterans’ cemetery of a tribal organiza-*  
11           *tion or on tribal land owned by or held in trust by*  
12           *a tribal organization for which the Department has*  
13           *provided a grant under such section.”.*

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide certain burial benefits for spouses and children of veterans who are buried in tribal cemeteries, and for other purposes.”.