

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
TO H.R. 4759  
OFFERED BY MR. ABRAHAM**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**1 SECTION 1. TRANSPORTATION OF DECEASED VETERANS  
2 TO VETERANS' CEMETERIES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) of section 2308 of  
4 title 38, United States Code, is amended to read as fol-  
5 lows:

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—(1) The Secretary may pay, in  
7 addition to any amount paid pursuant to section 2302 or  
8 2307 of this title, the cost of transportation of the de-  
9 ceased veteran described in paragraph (1) or (2) of sub-  
10 section (b) for burial in a national cemetery or a covered  
11 veterans’ cemetery. Such payment shall not exceed the  
12 cost of transportation to the national cemetery nearest the  
13 veteran’s last place of residence in which burial space is  
14 available.

15 “(2) The Secretary may pay, in addition to any  
16 amount paid pursuant to section 2302 or 2307 of  
17 this title, the cost of transportation of the deceased  
18 veteran described in subsection (b)(3) for burial in

1 a national cemetery. Such payment shall not exceed  
2 the cost of transportation to the national cemetery  
3 nearest the veteran's last place of residence in which  
4 burial space is available.”.

5 (b) COVERED VETERANS' CEMETERY DEFINED.—  
6 Section 2308 of such title is amended by adding at the  
7 end the following new subsection:

8 “(c) COVERED VETERANS' CEMETERY DEFINED.—  
9 In this section, the term ‘covered veterans’ cemetery’  
10 means, with respect to a deceased veteran described in  
11 subsection (b), a veterans’ cemetery owned by a State or  
12 a tribal organization (as defined in section 3765(4) of this  
13 title) in which the deceased veteran is eligible to be bur-  
14 ied.”.

15 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 2308 of  
16 such title is amended in the section heading by adding  
17 at the end the following: “**or a veterans’ cemetery**”.

18 (d) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
19 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by striking  
20 the item relating to section 2308 and inserting the fol-  
21 lowing new item:

“2308. Transportation of deceased veterans to a national cemetery or a vet-  
erans’ cemetery.”.

