AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 234

OFFERED BY Mr. LWHICH

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1	SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
2	This Act may be cited as the "Gerald's Law Act".
3	SEC. 2. BURIAL ALLOWANCE FOR CERTAIN VETERANS WHO
4	DIE AT HOME WHILE IN RECEIPT OF HOS-
5	PICE CARE FURNISHED BY DEPARTMENT OF
6	VETERANS AFFAIRS.
7	(a) In General.—Subsection (a)(2)(A) of section
8	2303 of title 38, United States Code, as amended by sec-
9	tion 2202 of the Johnny Isakson and David P. Roe, M.D.
10	Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of
11	2020 (Public Law 116–315; 134 Stat. 4984), is further
12	amended—
13	(1) in clause (i), by striking "; or" and insert-
14	ing a semicolon;
15	(2) in clause (ii)(III), by striking the period at
16	the end and inserting "; or"; and
17	(3) by adding at the end the following new
18	clause:

1	"(iii) a home or other setting at which the
2	deceased veteran was, at the time of death, re-
3	ceiving hospice care pursuant to section
4	1717(a) of this title if such care was directly
5	preceded by the Secretary furnishing to the vet-
6	eran hospital care or nursing home care de-
7	scribed in subclause (I), (II), or (III) of clause
8	(ii).''.
9	(b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by sub-
10	section (a) shall take effect on the date of the enactment
11	of this Act and apply with respect to deaths occurring on
12	or after the date that is 180 days after the date of the
13	enactment of this Act.
14	SEC. 3. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS HOUSING
15	LOAN FEES.
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