

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 8893
OFFERED BY MR. LUTTRELL OF TEXAS

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Preserving Veterans’
3 Legacy Act of 2024”.

4 SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR DEPARTMENT OF
5 VETERANS AFFAIRS HEADSTONES, MARKERS,
6 AND BURIAL RECEPTACLES FOR CERTAIN IN-
7 DIVIDUALS.

8 Section 2306(b)(2) of title 38, United States Code,
9 is amended in subparagraphs (B) and (C)—

10 (1) by striking “who dies on or after November
11 11, 1998,” each place it appears; and

12 (2) by striking “October 1, 2024” each place it
13 appears and inserting “October 1, 2031”.

1 **SEC. 3. EXPANSION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR GOVERNMENT-**
2 **FURNISHED HEADSTONE, MARKER, OR ME-**
3 **DALLION FOR MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPI-**
4 **ENTS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2306(d)(5)(C) of title 38,
6 United States Code, is amended—

7 (1) by striking clause (i);

8 (2) in clause (ii), by inserting “(except that
9 subparagraph (B)(i) of such paragraph shall not
10 apply)” after “paragraph (4)”; and

11 (3) by redesignating clauses (ii) and (iii) as
12 clauses (i) and (ii), respectively.

13 (b) TECHNICAL CORRECTION.—Section 2306(d)(5)
14 of such title is amended by striking “section 491” both
15 places it appears and inserting “section 2732”.

16 **SEC. 4. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS PROVISION**
17 **OF ADDITIONAL BURIAL BENEFITS WHEN**
18 **COST OF URN OR PLAQUE IS REIMBURSED.**

19 Section 2306(h) of title 38, United States Code, is
20 amended—

21 (1) in paragraph (2), by striking “If the Sec-
22 retary” and inserting “Except as provided in para-
23 graph (3), if the Secretary”;

24 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (3) through
25 (5) as paragraphs (4) through (6), respectively; and

1 (3) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-
2 lowing new paragraph (3):

3 “(3) Paragraph (2) shall not apply with respect to
4 an urn or plaque furnished under paragraph (1) on or
5 after January 5, 2021, if a non-Department entity reim-
6 burses the Secretary for the cost of the urn or plaque.”.

7 **SEC. 5. HEADSTONES AND MARKERS FOR GROUPS OF INDI-**
8 **VIDUALS BURIED IN GROUP INTERMENTS.**

9 Section 2306 of title 38, United States Code, is
10 amended—

11 (1) by redesignating subsection (k) as sub-
12 section (l); and

13 (2) by inserting after subsection (j) the fol-
14 lowing new subsection (k):

15 “(k)(1) In lieu of a headstone or marker for an indi-
16 vidual under this section, the Secretary may furnish a sin-
17 gle appropriate headstone or marker for a group of indi-
18 viduals buried in a group interment if each individual of
19 such group is eligible for a headstone or marker furnished
20 under this section.

21 “(2) The authority to furnish a headstone or marker
22 under paragraph (1) shall terminate on the date that is
23 seven years after the date of the enactment of the Pre-
24 serving Veterans’ Legacy Act of 2024.”.

1 **SEC. 6. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY FOR BURIAL OF**
2 **SPOUSES AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN WHO**
3 **PREDECEASE VETERANS AND ACTIVE DUTY**
4 **MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

5 Section 2402(a)(5) of title 38, United States Code,
6 is amended by striking “October 1, 2024” and inserting
7 “October 1, 2031”.

