

**Suspend the Rules And Pass the Bill, H.R. 4757, with Amendments**

**(The amendments strike all after the enacting clause and insert a new text and a new title)**

114<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 16, 2016

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

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## 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. EXPANSION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR HEADSTONES,**  
2 **MARKERS, AND MEDALLIONS FOR MEDAL OF**  
3 **HONOR RECIPIENTS.**

4 Section 2306(d) of title 38, United States Code, is  
5 amended by adding at the end the following new para-  
6 graph:

7 “(5)(A) In carrying out this subsection with respect  
8 to a deceased individual described in subparagraph (C),  
9 the Secretary shall furnish, upon request, a headstone or  
10 marker under paragraph (1) or a medallion under para-  
11 graph (4) that signifies the deceased’s status as a Medal  
12 of Honor recipient.

13 “(B) If the Secretary furnished a headstone, marker,  
14 or medallion under paragraph (1) or (4) for a deceased  
15 individual described in subparagraph (C) that does not  
16 signify the deceased’s status as a Medal of Honor recipi-  
17 ent, the Secretary shall, upon request, replace such head-  
18 stone, marker, or medallion with a headstone, marker, or  
19 medallion, as the case may be, that so signifies the  
20 deceased’s status as a Medal of Honor recipient.

21 “(C) A deceased individual described in this subpara-  
22 graph is a deceased individual who—

23 “(i) served in the Armed Forces on or after  
24 April 6, 1917;

25 “(ii) is eligible for a headstone or marker fur-  
26 nished under paragraph (1) or a medallion furnished

1 under paragraph (4) (or would be so eligible for  
2 such headstone, marker, or medallion but for the  
3 date of the death of the individual); and

4 “(iii) was awarded the Medal of Honor (includ-  
5 ing posthumously).”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF PRESIDENTIAL MEMORIAL CERTIFI-**  
7 **CATE PROGRAM.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 112(a) of title 38, United  
9 States Code, is amended by striking “veterans,” and all  
10 that follows through “service,” and inserting the following:  
11 “persons eligible for burial in a national cemetery by rea-  
12 son of any of paragraphs (1), (2), (3), or (7) of section  
13 2402(a) of this title.”.

14 (b) APPLICATION.—The amendment made by sub-  
15 section (a) shall apply with respect to the death of a per-  
16 son eligible for burial in a national cemetery by reason  
17 of paragraph (1), (2), (3), or (7) of section 2402(a) of  
18 title 38, United States Code, occurring before, on, or after  
19 the date of the enactment of this Act.

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to expand the eligibility for headstones, markers, and medallions furnished by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for deceased individuals who were awarded the Medal of Honor and are buried in private cemeteries, and for other purposes.”.