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# H. R. 234

To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a burial allowance for certain veterans who die at home while in receipt of hospice care furnished by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 10, 2023

Mr. BERGMAN (for himself, Mr. ALLRED, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mr. ELLZEY, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. BACON, and Mr. MAST) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## A BILL

To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a burial allowance for certain veterans who die at home while in receipt of hospice care furnished by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Gerald’s Law Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. BURIAL ALLOWANCE FOR CERTAIN VETERANS WHO**  
2 **DIE AT HOME WHILE IN RECEIPT OF HOS-**  
3 **PICE CARE FURNISHED BY DEPARTMENT OF**  
4 **VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a)(2)(A) of section  
6 2303 of title 38, United States Code, as amended by sec-  
7 tion 2202 of the Johnny Isakson and David P. Roe, M.D.  
8 Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of  
9 2020 (Public Law 116–315; 134 Stat. 4984), is further  
10 amended—

11 (1) in clause (i), by striking “; or” and insert-  
12 ing a semicolon;

13 (2) in clause (ii)—

14 (A) in subclause (II), by striking “; or”  
15 and inserting a semicolon; and

16 (B) in subclause (III), by striking the pe-  
17 riod at the end and inserting “; or”; and

18 (3) by adding at the end the following new  
19 clause:

20 “(iii) a home or other setting at which the  
21 deceased veteran was, at the time of death, re-  
22 ceiving hospice care pursuant to section  
23 1717(a) of this title if such care was directly  
24 preceded by the Secretary furnishing to the vet-  
25 eran hospital care or nursing home care as de-

1           scribed in subclauses (I), (II), or (III) of clause  
2           (ii).”.

3           (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by  
4 subsection (a) shall take effect as if included in the enact-  
5 ment of the Johnny Isakson and David P. Roe, M.D. Vet-  
6 erans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020  
7 (Public Law 116–315).

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