

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1330

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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 27, 2023

Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself and Mr. PETERS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

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

1 **SEC. 2. BURIAL AND FUNERAL ALLOWANCE FOR CERTAIN**
2 **VETERANS WHO DIE AT HOME OR IN OTHER**
3 **SETTINGS WHILE IN RECEIPT OF HOSPICE**
4 **CARE FURNISHED BY DEPARTMENT OF VET-**
5 **ERANS AFFAIRS.**

6 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 2303(a)(2)(A) of title 38,
7 United States Code is amended—

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

10 (2) in clause (ii)(III), by striking the period at
11 the end and inserting “; or”; and

12 (3) by adding at the end the following new
13 clause:

14 “(iii) a home or other setting at which the
15 deceased veteran was, at the time of death, re-
16 ceiving hospice care pursuant to section
17 1717(a) of this title if such care was directly
18 preceded by the Secretary furnishing to the vet-
19 eran hospital care or nursing home care as de-
20 scribed in subclause (I), (II), or (III) of clause
21 (ii).”.

22 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
23 subsection (a) shall take effect as if included in the enact-
24 ment of the Johnny Isakson and David P. Roe, M.D. Vet-

- 1 erans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020
- 2 (Public Law 116–315; 134 Stat. 4932).

