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H. R. 5197

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 11, 2023

Mr. POSEY introduced the following bill; which was 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. ELIGIBILITY FOR DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS**
2 **AFFAIRS MEMORIAL HEADSTONES AND**
3 **MARKERS OF VETERANS' SPOUSES AND DE-**
4 **PENDENT CHILDREN WHOSE REMAINS ARE**
5 **UNAVAILABLE.**

6 Section 2306(b)(2) of title 38, United States Code,
7 is amended—

8 (1) in subparagraph (B), by striking “An indi-
9 vidual who dies on or after November 11, 1998, who
10 is the” and inserting “The”;

11 (2) in subparagraph (C), by striking “An indi-
12 vidual who dies on or after November 11, 1998, who
13 is an” and inserting “An”; and

14 (3) by adding at the end the following new
15 paragraph:

16 “(6) In the case of an eligible individual de-
17 scribed in paragraph (2)(B) or (C), the Secretary
18 may furnish a marker under paragraph (1) by—

19 “(A) affixing the individual’s name, dates
20 of birth and death, and relationship to the vet-
21 eran to an existing marker for the veteran; or

22 “(B) if necessary, by furnishing a suitable
23 replacement marker for the veteran that in-
24 cludes such individual’s name, dates of birth
25 and death, and relationship to the veteran.

1 “(7) For the purpose of expediting the provi-
2 sion of a marker under paragraph (1) for an eligible
3 individual described in paragraph (2)(B) or (C), the
4 Secretary may accept, but may not require, funds
5 contributed by a survivor of the veteran or eligible
6 person.”.

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