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To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the eligibility of parents of certain deceased veterans for interment in national cemeteries.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. KERRY 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. INTERMENT IN NATIONAL CEMETERIES OF**
4 **PARENTS OF CERTAIN DECEASED VETERANS.**

5 (a) INTERMENT OF PARENTS OF CERTAIN DE-
6 CEASED VETERANS.—Section 2402 of title 38, United
7 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
8 lowing new paragraph:

9 “(9) If the Secretary determines there is
10 enough space in open national cemeteries, the parent

1 of a person listed in any of paragraphs (1) through
2 (4) or paragraph (7) who, at the time of the par-
3 ent's death, does not have a spouse, surviving
4 spouse, or child who has been interred, or who, if de-
5 ceased, would be eligible to be interred, in a national
6 cemetery pursuant to paragraph (5).”.

7 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Paragraph (9) of section
8 2402 of title 38, United States Code, shall apply with re-
9 spect to the death of an eligible parent on or after the
10 date of the enactment of this Act.

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