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# H. R. 6343

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KIM of New Jersey (for himself and Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN) 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Protecting our Vet-  
5 erans’ Memories Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS PLOT ALLOW-**  
2 **ANCE FOR SPOUSES AND CHILDREN OF VET-**  
3 **ERANS BURIED IN STATE CEMETERIES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2303 of title 38, United  
5 States Code, is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating subsections (e) through (e)  
7 as subsections (d) through (f), respectively;

8 (2) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-  
9 lowing new subsection (c):

10 “(c)(1) In the case of an individual described in para-  
11 graph (2) who is buried in a cemetery that is owned by  
12 a State or by an agency or political subdivision of a State,  
13 the Secretary shall pay to such State, agency, or political  
14 subdivision the sum of \$525 as a plot or interment allow-  
15 ance for such individual.

16 “(2) An individual described in this paragraph is a  
17 spouse, surviving spouse (which for purposes of this sub-  
18 section includes a surviving spouse who had a subsequent  
19 remarriage), minor child (which for purposes of this sub-  
20 section includes a child under 21 years of age, or under  
21 23 years of age if pursuing a course of instruction at an  
22 approved educational institution), or, in the discretion of  
23 the Secretary, unmarried adult child of any of person de-  
24 scribed in paragraph (1), (2), (3), (4), or (7) of section  
25 2402 of this title.”; and

1           (3) in subsection (d), as so redesignated, by  
2           striking “subsection (b)” and inserting “subsections  
3           (b) and (c)”.

4           (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by  
5           subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of the enact-  
6           ment of this Act and apply with respect to a death occur-  
7           ring on or after such date.

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