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H. R. 1114

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a process for determining whether a geographic area is sufficiently served by the national cemeteries located in that geographic area.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 23, 2009

Mr. REHBERG 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. DETERMINATION BY SECRETARY OF VETERANS**

4   **AFFAIRS OF WHETHER A GEOGRAPHIC AREA**

5   **IS SERVED BY NATIONAL CEMETERIES LO-**

6   **CATED IN THAT AREA.**

7   (a) PROCESS REQUIRED.—The Secretary of Veterans

8 Affairs shall establish a process for determining whether

1 a geographic area is sufficiently served by the national

2 cemeteries located in that geographic area. Such process

3 shall take into account each of the following:

4   (1) The number of veterans living in the geo-

5   graphic area.

6   (2) The average distance a resident of the geo-

7   graphic area must travel to reach the nearest na-

8   tional cemetery.

9   (3) The population density of the geographic

10   area.

11   (4) The average amount of time it takes a resi-

12   dent of the geographic area to travel to the nearest

13   national cemetery.

14   (5) The availability of public transportation for

15   purposes of traveling to national cemeteries located

16   in the geographic area.

17   (6) The average amount of any fees charged to

18   an individual traveling on the major roads leading to

19   the national cemeteries located in the geographic

20   area.

21   (b) CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES.—In the case

22 of a geographic area in which sufficient land is not avail-

23 able to the Secretary for the establishment of a cemetery,

1   the Secretary shall consider alternatives to establishing a

2   cemetery, including establishing a mausoleum.

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