

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 7176

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 21, 2022

Mr. BERGMAN (for himself and Mr. ALLRED) 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

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

1 **SEC. 2. BURIAL ALLOWANCE FOR CERTAIN VETERANS WHO**
2 **DIE AT HOME WHILE IN RECEIPT OF HOS-**
3 **PICE CARE FURNISHED BY DEPARTMENT OF**
4 **VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a)(2)(A) of section
6 2303 of title 38, United States Code, as amended by sec-
7 tion 2202 of the Johnny Isakson and David P. Roe, M.D.
8 Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of
9 2020 (Public Law 116–315; 134 Stat. 4984), is further
10 amended—

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

13 (2) in clause (ii)—

14 (A) in subclause (II), by striking “; or”
15 and inserting a semicolon; and

16 (B) in subclause (III), by striking the pe-
17 riod at the end and inserting “; or”; and

18 (3) by adding at the end the following new
19 clause:

20 “(iii) a home or other setting at which the
21 deceased veteran was, at the time of death, re-
22 ceiving hospice care pursuant to section
23 1717(a) of this title if such care was directly
24 preceded by the Secretary furnishing to the vet-
25 eran hospital care or nursing home care as de-

1 scribed in subclauses (I), (II), or (III) of clause
2 (ii).”.

3 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
4 subsection (a) shall take effect as if included in the enact-
5 ment of the Johnny Isakson and David P. Roe, M.D. Vet-
6 erans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020
7 (Public Law 116–315).

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