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# S. 2096

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

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 29, 2009

Mr. KERRY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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. 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) The parent of a person listed in any of  
10       paragraphs (1) through (4) or paragraph (7) who, at

1 the time of the parent's death, does not have a  
2 spouse, surviving spouse, or child who has been in-  
3 terred, or who, if deceased, would be eligible to be  
4 interred, in a national cemetery pursuant to para-  
5 graph (5), but only if—

6 “(A) the person so listed dies before the  
7 parent; and

8 “(B)(i) the plot in which the person so list-  
9 ed is interred contains sufficient space for the  
10 interment of the parent; and

11 “(ii) the parent is interred in that plot.”.

12 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Paragraph (9) of section  
13 2402 of title 38, United States Code, shall apply with re-  
14 spect to the death of an eligible parent on or after the  
15 date of the enactment of this Act.

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