

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 2854

AN ACT

To require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into an agreement with the city of Fargo, North Dakota, for the conveyance of certain land of the Department of Veterans Affairs at Fargo National Cemetery, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) CITY.—The term “City” means the city of
4 Fargo, North Dakota.

5 (2) DEPARTMENT.—The term “Department”
6 means the Department of Veterans Affairs.

7 (3) PARCEL.—The term “parcel” means the ap-
8 proximately 2.73 acres of land of the Department of
9 Veterans Affairs at Fargo National Cemetery in
10 Harwood, North Dakota, located in the southeast
11 corner of the proposed expansion of the cemetery as
12 depicted on the map provided by the Department en-
13 titled “Fargo National Cemetery” “Figure B” and
14 dated April 21, 2023.

15 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
16 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

17 **SEC. 2. CONVEYANCE OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-**
18 **FAIRS LAND AT FARGO NATIONAL CEME-**
19 **TERY.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—After the acquisition by the De-
21 partment of Veterans Affairs of 29.06 acres adjacent to
22 the original 4.82-acre area of Fargo National Cemetery,
23 North Dakota, and only if such acquisition is completed,
24 upon a written request from the City for the conveyance
25 of the parcel, the Secretary shall enter into an agreement
26 with the City under which the Secretary shall convey to

1 the City all right, title, and interest of the United States
2 in and to the parcel for the purpose of improving the expe-
3 rience of visitors and volunteers at Fargo National Ceme-
4 tery.

5 (b) CONSIDERATION.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Under the agreement de-
7 scribed in subsection (a), for the conveyance of the
8 parcel, the City shall pay to the Secretary an
9 amount equal to the market value of the parcel, as
10 determined by the appraisal conducted under para-
11 graph (2).

12 (2) APPRAISAL.—The Secretary shall conduct
13 an appraisal of the parcel to be conveyed under sub-
14 section (a) in accordance with—

15 (A) the Uniform Appraisal Standards for
16 Federal Land Acquisitions;

17 (B) the Uniform Standards of Professional
18 Appraisal Practice; and

19 (C) any other applicable law (including
20 regulations).

21 (c) ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS.—The Secretary may
22 require such additional conditions in connection with the
23 conveyance of the parcel as the Secretary considers appro-
24 priate.

1 (d) PROCEEDS.—Proceeds from the conveyance of
2 the parcel shall be deposited into the National Cemetery
3 Administration Facilities Operation Fund.

4 **SEC. 3. RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.**

5 (a) NO REQUIREMENT FOR PURCHASE OR SALE OF
6 OTHER PARCELS.—Nothing in this Act shall be construed
7 to require or encourage the Secretary to purchase or sell
8 any parcel not described in section 1(3).

9 (b) NO REQUIREMENT FOR SPECIAL AGREE-
10 MENTS.—Nothing in this Act shall be construed to require
11 or encourage the Secretary to enter into any special agree-
12 ment with an entity not described in section 1(1).

Passed the Senate October 19, 2023.

Attest:

Secretary.

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