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To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the inclusion of certain emblems on headstones and markers furnished for veterans by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BRAUN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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. INCLUSION OF CERTAIN EMBLEMS ON**
4 **HEADSTONES AND MARKERS FURNISHED BY**
5 **THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2306 of title 38, United
7 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
8 lowing new subsection:

1 “(1)(1) A headstone or marker furnished for a veteran
2 under subsection (a), (b), or (d) may include—

3 “(A) no emblem;

4 “(B) an emblem of belief; or

5 “(C) an emblem from among a list of emblems
6 that the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with
7 the Secretary, shall establish.

8 “(2) The list established under paragraph (1)(C)
9 shall include the following:

10 “(A) An emblem with respect to—

11 “(i) each unit at the level of separate bri-
12 gade or higher in the Army and each equivalent
13 unit in the Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and
14 Coast Guard; and

15 “(ii) each skill or combat badge or tab
16 earned by a member of the Armed Forces.

17 “(B) One or more emblems of the commissioned
18 Regular Corps of the Public Health Service.

19 “(C) One or more emblems of the commissioned
20 officer corps of the National Oceanic and Atmos-
21 pheric Administration.

22 “(D) Such other emblems as the Secretary of
23 Defense, in coordination with the Secretary, con-
24 siders appropriate and practical, such as the Marine
25 Corps emblem or Army Infantry insignia.

1 “(3) The Secretary of Defense shall provide the Sec-
2 retary with a digitized representation of each emblem in-
3 cluded in the list established under paragraph (1)(C).”.

4 (b) ESTABLISHMENT OF LIST OF APPROVED EM-
5 BLEMS.—Not later than June 1, 2022, the Secretary of
6 Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of Veterans
7 Affairs, shall establish the list of approved emblems re-
8 quired by paragraph (1)(C) of subsection (l) of such sec-
9 tion 2306, as added by subsection (a), in accordance with
10 such subsection (l).

11 (c) AVAILABILITY OF APPROVED EMBLEMS.—Not
12 later than October 1, 2022, the Secretary of Veterans Af-
13 fairs shall make the emblems on the list of approved em-
14 blems required by subsection (l)(1)(C) of such section
15 2306, as added by subsection (a), available for inclusion
16 on headstones and markers.

17 (d) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by sub-
18 section (a) shall apply with respect to headstones and
19 markers furnished by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs
20 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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