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To redesignate the title of the National Cemetery System and the position
of the Director of the National Cemetery System.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SPECTER (by request) introduced the following bill; which was read twice
and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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and the position of the Director of the National Cemetery System.

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. REDESIGNATION OF TITLE OF NATIONAL CEM-**
4 **ETERY SYSTEM.**

5 The title of the National Cemetery System of the De-
6 partment of Veterans Affairs is hereby redesignated as the
7 National Cemetery Administration.

1 **SEC. 2. REDESIGNATION OF POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF**
 2 **THE NATIONAL CEMETERY SYSTEM.**

3 The position of Director of the National Cemetery
 4 System of the Department of Veterans Affairs is hereby
 5 redesignated as Assistant Secretary for Memorial Affairs.

6 **SEC. 3. ASSISTANT SECRETARIES.**

7 Section 308(a) of title 38, United States Code, is
 8 amended—

9 (1) in subsection (a) thereof, changing the pe-
 10 riod at the end of the first sentence of that sub-
 11 section to a comma and adding the following at the
 12 end of that sentence: “in addition to the Assistant
 13 Secretary for Memorial Affairs”;

14 (2) in subsection (b) thereof, by inserting
 15 “other than the Assistant Secretary for Memorial
 16 Affairs” after “Assistant Secretaries”; and

17 (3) in subsection (c) thereof, by inserting “pur-
 18 suant to subsection (b)” after “Assistant Secretary”.

19 **SEC. 4. TITLE 38 CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

20 (a) Title 38, United States Code, is amended by strik-
 21 ing out “Director of the National Cemetery System” each
 22 place it appears (including in headings and tables) and
 23 inserting in lieu thereof “Assistant Secretary for Memorial
 24 Affairs”.

1 (b) Section 301(c) of title 38, United States Code,
2 is amended by striking out “System” in subsection (c)(4)
3 and inserting in lieu thereof “Administration”.

4 (c) Section 307 of title 38, United States Code, is
5 amended—

6 (1) by striking out “a” in the first sentence and
7 inserting in lieu thereof “an”;

8 (2) by striking out “Director” in the second
9 sentence and inserting in lieu thereof “Assistant
10 Secretary for Memorial Affairs”; and

11 (3) by striking out “System” in the second sen-
12 tence and inserting in lieu thereof “Administration”.

13 (d)(1) Section 2306(d) of title 38, United States
14 Code, is amended by striking out “within the National
15 Cemetery System” in the first sentence of subsection
16 (d)(1) and inserting in lieu thereof “under the control of
17 the National Cemetery Administration”.

18 (2) Section 2306(d) of title 38, United States Code,
19 is amended by striking out “within the National Cemetery
20 System” in subsection (d)(2) and inserting in lieu thereof
21 “under the control of the National Cemetery Administra-
22 tion”.

23 (e)(1) The table of sections at the beginning of chap-
24 ter 24 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by
25 striking out “Establishment of National Cemetery System;

1 composition of such system; appointment of director.” and
 2 inserting in lieu thereof “Establishment of National Ceme-
 3 tery Administration; authority of such administration; ap-
 4 pointment of Assistant Secretary.”.

5 (2) The heading of section 2400 of title 38, United
 6 States Code, is amended by striking out “Establishment
 7 of National Cemetery System; composition of such system;
 8 appointment of director” and inserting in lieu thereof “Es-
 9 tablishment of National Cemetery Administration; author-
 10 ity of such administration; appointment of Assistant Sec-
 11 retary”.

12 (3) Section 2400(a) of title 38, United States Code,
 13 is amended by striking out “shall be within the Depart-
 14 ment a National Cemetery System” in the first sentence
 15 and inserting in lieu thereof “is within the Department
 16 a National Cemetery Administration responsible” in the
 17 first sentence and by striking out “Such system” in the
 18 second sentence and inserting in lieu thereof “The Na-
 19 tional Cemetery Administration”.

20 (4) Section 2400(b) of title 38, United States Code,
 21 is amended by striking out “The National Cemetery Sys-
 22 tem” and inserting “National cemeteries and other facili-
 23 ties under the control of the National Cemetery Adminis-
 24 tration” in lieu thereof.

1 (5) Section 2402 of title 38, United States Code, is
2 amended by striking out “in the National Cemetery Sys-
3 tem” and inserting “under the control of the National
4 Cemetery Administration” in lieu thereof.

5 (6) Section 2403(c) of title 38, United States Code,
6 is amended by striking out “in the National Cemetery Sys-
7 tem created by this chapter” and inserting “under the
8 control of the National Cemetery Administration” in lieu
9 thereof.

10 (7) Section 2405(c) of title 38, United States Code,
11 is amended by striking out “within the National Cemetery
12 System” and inserting in lieu thereof “under the control
13 of the National Cemetery Administration” and by striking
14 out “within such System” and inserting in lieu thereof
15 “under the control such Administration”.

16 (8) Section 2408(c) of title 38, United States Code,
17 is amended by striking out “in the National Cemetery Sys-
18 tem” in subsection (c)(1) and inserting “under the control
19 of the National Cemetery Administration” in lieu thereof.

20 **SEC. 5. EXECUTIVE SCHEDULE CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**

21 Section 5315 of title 5, United States Code, is
22 amended by striking out “(6)” following “Assistant Sec-
23 retaries, Department of Veterans Affairs” and inserting
24 in lieu thereof “(7)” and by striking out “Director of the
25 National Cemetery System”.

1 **SEC. 6. REFERENCES IN OTHER LAWS.**

2 (a) Any reference to the National Cemetery System
3 in any Federal law, Executive order, rule, regulation, dele-
4 gation of authority, or document of or pertaining to the
5 Department of Veterans Affairs, which reference pertains
6 to the organization within that Department which controls
7 the Department's national cemeteries shall be deemed to
8 refer to the National Cemetery Administration.

9 (b) Any reference to the Director of the National
10 Cemetery System in any Federal law, Executive order,
11 rule, regulation, delegation of authority, or document of
12 or pertaining to the Department of Veterans Affairs shall
13 be deemed to refer to the Assistant Secretary for Memorial
14 Affairs.

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