S 1074

Veterans' Burial Benefits Enhancement Act of 2003

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)
Chamber: Senate
Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security
Introduced: May 15, 2003
Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S6
Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S6514) (May 15, 2003)
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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Specter, Arlen [R-PA]
Party: Republican • **State:** PA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 16, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of May 15, 2003)

Veterans' Burial Benefits Enhancement Act of 2003 - Revises eligibility requirements concerning the veterans' burial plot allowance paid by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to a State cemetery.

Authorizes the Secretary to lease any unutilized or underutilized land or facilities of the United States that are part of the National Cemetery Administration (Administration) for up to three years. Requires: (1) the lessee to maintain, protect, or restore such land or facilities; and (2) lease proceeds to be deposited into the Administration account.

Directs the Secretary to establish a national cemetery in each geographic area in which more than 170,000 veterans reside more than 50 miles from an open (unfilled) national or State veterans' cemetery. Allows the Secretary to expand a current (filled) national cemetery in such an area in lieu of such requirement.

Actions Timeline

- **May 15, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 15, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S6513-6514)
- **May 15, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S6514)

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