

S 1124

Veterans Burial Benefits Improvement Act of 2003

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Chamber: Senate

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]

Party: Democratic • **State:** MD • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Jul 10, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 2217	Related bill	Nov 12, 2003: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E2279)

Summary (as of May 22, 2003)

Veterans Burial Benefits Improvement Act of 2003 - Increases the authorized allowance for burial and funeral expenses for deceased veterans who: (1) at the time of death were in receipt of veterans' disability compensation or veterans' pension benefits; or (2) were veterans of any war or were discharged or released from active military service for a service-connected disability and for whom there is no next of kin or sufficient resources to cover funeral and burial costs. Increases the burial plot allowance for veterans who, at the time of death, were receiving hospital or nursing home care in or through the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Authorizes the annual adjustment of such allowances based on increases in the Consumer Price Index.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 10, 2003:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.
- **May 22, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 22, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S7010)
- **May 22, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S7010-7011)