

## HR 2490

Bertie's Respect for National Cemeteries Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Armed Forces and National Security

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel. (Aug 13, 2015)

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Republican • **State:** PA • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (10 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Kelly, Mike [R-PA-3]	R · PA		May 21, 2015
Rep. Marino, Tom [R-PA-10]	R · PA		May 21, 2015
Rep. Perry, Scott [R-PA-4]	R · PA		May 21, 2015
Rep. Shuster, Bill [R-PA-9]	R · PA		May 21, 2015
Rep. Thompson, Glenn [R-PA-5]	R · PA		May 21, 2015
Rep. Brooks, Mo [R-AL-5]	R · AL		Jun 1, 2015
Rep. Renacci, James B. [R-OH-16]	R · OH		Jun 1, 2015
Rep. Young, David [R-IA-3]	R · IA		Jun 3, 2015
Rep. Blum, Rod [R-IA-1]	R · IA		Jun 12, 2015
Rep. Rothfus, Keith J. [R-PA-12]	R · PA		Jul 9, 2015

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 13, 2015
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 5, 2015

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Bertie's Respect for National Cemeteries Act**

This bill requires the appropriate federal official to take every reasonable action, including by searching public records, to ensure that a person who will be interred in a cemetery in the National Cemetery Administration or in Arlington National Cemetery is not ineligible for such interment by reason of having been convicted of a federal or state capital crime or a tier III sex offense.

The bill applies the requirement of the Alicia Dawn Koehl Respect for National Cemeteries Act for a written notice of a disqualifying felony conviction with respect to any interment or memorialization conducted, either before or after enactment of that Act.

The Department of Veterans Affairs shall: (1) disinter the remains of George E. Siple from Indiantown Gap National Cemetery (Pennsylvania); (2) notify his next of kin of the impending disinterment; and (3) upon disinterment, relinquish the remains to the next of kin or, if the next of kin of record is unavailable, arrange for the appropriate disposition of the remains.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Aug 13, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
- **Jun 5, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
- **Jun 3, 2015:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H3766-3767)
- **May 21, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **May 21, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.