

HR 7727

Burial Equity for Guards and Reserves Act of 2020

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 6, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 4250	Related bill	Jul 21, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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This bill prohibits the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) from establishing a condition for a cemetery grant that restricts the ability of a state to inter certain reservists (or spouses) at a state-owned veterans' cemetery solely because such individuals are ineligible for burial in an open national cemetery.

Specifically, as a condition for grants, the VA cannot restrict the ability of a state to inter a

- member of a reserve component whose service was terminated under honorable conditions;
- member of the Army National Guard or Air National Guard whose service was terminated under honorable conditions;
- member of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps of the Army, Navy, or Air Force who died under honorable conditions while a member; and
- spouse of any member described above.

The VA is prohibited from (1) denying an application for a grant solely on the basis that the recipient state may use funds to expand, improve, operate, or maintain a veterans' cemetery to allow for the internment of the specified reservists; and (2) enforcing certain conditions on grants for state veterans' cemeteries that were established before the date of enactment of this bill.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 6, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
- **Jul 22, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 22, 2020:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.