

S 2181

Keeping Military Families Together Act of 2024

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Law: 118-271 (Enacted Jan 4, 2025)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/2181>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]

Party: Democratic • State: MI • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Jun 22, 2023
Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND]	R · ND		Jun 22, 2023
Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	R · AK		Jun 22, 2023
Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]	R · ND		Sep 7, 2023
Sen. Fetterman, John [D-PA]	D · PA		Sep 24, 2024
Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	R · KS		Nov 19, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Discharged From	May 1, 2024

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 9055	Related bill	Jul 23, 2024: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote.

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This act extends certain Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) burial benefits provided to spouses and dependent children of veterans or active duty servicemembers.

Specifically, the act extends through FY2032 the requirement for the VA to furnish, upon request, memorial headstones or markers for spouses or dependent children of veterans or servicemembers who were serving on active duty at the time of the spouse's or child's death.

Additionally, the act extends through FY2032 the authority for burial in any open national cemetery under the control of the National Cemetery Administration for a spouse or dependent child of veterans or servicemembers who were serving on active duty at the time of the spouse's or child's death.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jan 4, 2025:** Signed by President.
- **Jan 4, 2025:** Became Public Law No: 118-271.
- **Dec 26, 2024:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 23, 2024:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 21, 2024:** Resolving differences -- Senate actions: Senate agreed to the House amendment and amendment to the title to S. 2181 by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 21, 2024:** Senate agreed to the House amendment and amendment to the title to S. 2181 by Unanimous Consent.
- **Nov 19, 2024:** Message on House action received in Senate and at desk: House amendments to Senate bill.
- **Nov 18, 2024:** Mr. Bost moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Nov 18, 2024:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6036-6037)
- **Nov 18, 2024:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 2181.
- **Nov 18, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H6036)
- **Nov 18, 2024:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H6036)
- **Nov 18, 2024:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 18, 2024:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **May 6, 2024:** Received in the House.
- **May 6, 2024:** Held at the desk.
- **May 3, 2024:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **May 1, 2024:** Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S3294)
- **May 1, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S3294)
- **May 1, 2024:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S3294)
- **Jun 22, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 22, 2023:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.