

112TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2355

To amend title 38, United States Code, to exclude individuals who have been convicted of committing certain sex offenses from receiving certain burial-related benefits and funeral honors which are otherwise available to certain veterans, members of the Armed Forces, and related individuals, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 24, 2011

Mrs. HARTZLER (for herself, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. KISSELL, Mr. LATTA, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. FORBES, Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. DENHAM, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BOUSTANY, Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky, Mr. STUTZMAN, Mr. GOWDY, Mr. PITTS, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. BROOKS, Mr. HANNA, Mr. TERRY, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. POE of Texas, Mr. POMPEO, Mr. FLORES, Mr. HENSARLING, Mr. NEUGEBAUER, Mr. CARTER, Mr. THORNBERRY, Mr. McCAUL, Mr. FARENTHOLD, Mrs. ELLMERS, Mr. NUNNELEE, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. MACK, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. JORDAN, and Mr. AKIN) introduced the following bill; which was 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

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Hallowed Grounds
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXCLUSION OF PERSONS CONVICTED OF COMMIT-**
7 **TING CERTAIN SEX OFFENSES FROM INTER-**
8 **MENT OR MEMORIALIZATION IN NATIONAL**
9 **CEMETERIES, ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEME-**
10 **TERY, AND CERTAIN STATE VETERANS’**
11 **CEMETERIES AND FROM RECEIVING CER-**
12 **TAIN FUNERAL HONORS.**

13 (a) PROHIBITION AGAINST.—Section 2411(b) of title
14 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end
15 the following new paragraph:

16 “(4) A person who is a tier III sex offender for
17 purposes of the Sex Offender Registration and Noti-
18 fication Act.”.

19 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
20 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to interments and
21 memorializations that occur on or after the date of the
22 enactment of this Act.

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