

112TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 545

To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to reimburse certain volunteers who provide funeral honors details at the funerals of veterans.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 8, 2011

Mr. FILNER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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 “Providing Military
5 Honors for our Nation’s Heroes Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REIMBURSEMENT BY SECRETARY OF VETERANS AF-**
2 **FAIRS OF VOLUNTEERS WHO PROVIDE FU-**
3 **NERAL HONORS DETAIL AT FUNERALS FOR**
4 **VETERANS.**

5 (a) REIMBURSEMENT AUTHORIZED.—Chapter 23 of
6 title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
7 end the following new section:

8 **“§ 2309. Reimbursement of volunteers who provide**
9 **funeral honors detail**

10 “(a) REIMBURSEMENT OF VOLUNTEERS.—The Sec-
11 retary may reimburse a member of a veterans’ service or-
12 ganization or other organization approved by the Sec-
13 retary for transportation expenses and other expenses the
14 Secretary determines are appropriate, if such expenses are
15 incurred in connection with the voluntary provision of a
16 funeral honors detail at the funeral of a veteran, including
17 a funeral honors detail requested by a funeral home.

18 “(b) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall prescribe
19 regulations to carry out this section.”.

20 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
21 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding
22 at the end the following new item:

“2309. Reimbursement of volunteers who provide funeral honors detail.”.

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