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To amend title 38, United States Code, to codify the prohibition against the reservation of gravesites at Arlington National Cemetery, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. WARNER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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. CODIFICATION OF PROHIBITION AGAINST RES-**
4 **ERVATION OF GRAVESITES AT ARLINGTON**
5 **NATIONAL CEMETERY.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 24 of title 38, United
7 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 2410
8 the following new section:

1 **“§ 2410A. Arlington National Cemetery: other admin-**
 2 **istrative matters**

3 “(a) ONE GRAVESITE PER FAMILY.—Not more than
 4 one gravesite may be provided at Arlington National Cem-
 5 etery to a veteran or member of the Armed Forces who
 6 is eligible for interment at such cemetery and the family
 7 members of such veteran or member who are also eligible
 8 for interment at such cemetery.

9 “(b) PROHIBITION AGAINST RESERVATION OF
 10 GRAVESITES.—A gravesite at Arlington National Ceme-
 11 tery may not be reserved for an individual before the death
 12 of such individual.”.

13 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
 14 at the beginning of chapter 24 of such title is amended
 15 by inserting after the item relating to section 2410 the
 16 following new item:

“2410A. Arlington National Cemetery: other administrative matters.”.

17 (c) APPLICABILITY.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
 19 graph (2), section 2410A of such title, as added by
 20 subsection (a), shall apply with respect to all inter-
 21 ments at Arlington National Cemetery after the date
 22 of the enactment of this Act.

23 (2) EXCEPTION.—Subsection (b) of such sec-
 24 tion, as so added, shall not apply with respect to the
 25 interment of an individual for whom a written re-

1 quest for a reserved gravesite was submitted to the
2 Secretary of the Army before January 1, 1962.

3 (d) REPORT.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
5 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
6 retary of the Army shall submit to Congress a report
7 on reservations made for interment at Arlington Na-
8 tional Cemetery.

9 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required by para-
10 graph (1) shall include the following:

11 (A) The number of requests for reservation
12 of a gravesite at Arlington National Cemetery
13 that were submitted to the Secretary of the
14 Army before January 1, 1962.

15 (B) The number of gravesites at such cem-
16 etery that, on the day before the date of the en-
17 actment of this Act, were reserved in response
18 to such requests.

19 (C) The number of such gravesites that, on
20 the day before the date of the enactment of this
21 Act, were unoccupied.

22 (D) A list of all reservations for gravesites
23 at such cemetery that were extended by individ-
24 uals responsible for management of such ceme-

1 tery in response to requests for such reserva-
2 tions made on or after January 1, 1962.

3 (E) A description of the measures that the
4 Secretary is taking to improve the account-
5 ability and transparency of the management of
6 gravesite reservations at Arlington National
7 Cemetery.

8 (F) Such recommendations as the Sec-
9 retary may have for legislative action as the
10 Secretary considers necessary to improve such
11 accountability and transparency.

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