

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To amend the Veterans Millennium Health Care and Benefits Act to repeal the authorization for the provision of flat grave markers at the Santa Fe National Cemetery, New Mexico, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. LUJÁN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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 “New Mexico Veteran
5 Burial Dignity and Honor Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRAVE MARKERS AT SANTA FE NATIONAL CEME-**
2 **TERY, NEW MEXICO.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 612 of the Veterans Mil-
4 lennium Health Care and Benefits Act (38 U.S.C. 2404
5 note; Public Law 106–117) is repealed.

6 (b) REPLACEMENT OF FLAT GRAVE MARKERS.—Not
7 later than January 1, 2028, the Secretary of Veterans Af-
8 fairs shall replace each flat grave marker at the Santa Fe
9 National Cemetery, New Mexico, with an upright grave
10 marker.

11 (c) FUTURE GRAVE MARKERS.—Any grave marker
12 provided at the Santa Fe National Cemetery after the date
13 of the enactment of this Act shall be an upright grave
14 marker.

15 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
16 authorized to be appropriated to carry out subsection (b)
17 \$15,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2024 through
18 2028.