AN ACT

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To establish eligibility for burial in national cemeteries, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That burial in national cemeteries of the remains of the following classes of persons is authorized under such regulations as the Secretary of the Army may prescribe: (a) Any member or former member of the armed forces of the United States whose last service terminated honorably, by death or otherwise; (b) any citizen of the United States who, during any war in which the United States has been or may hereafter be engaged, served in the armed forces of any government allied with the United States during such war, and whose last service terminated honorably, by death or otherwise; and (c) the wife, husband, widow, widower, minor child, and, in the discretion of the Secretary of the Army, unmarried adult child of any of the persons enumerated in (a) and (b) herein: Provided, That the remains of those persons enumerated in (c), above, may, in the discretion of the Secretary of the Army, be removed from a national cemetery proper and interred in the post section of a national cemetery or in a post cemetery if, upon death, the related member of the armed forces of the United States or allied government is not buried in the same or an adjoining grave site. Persons who were members of the Cabinet of the President of the United States at any time during the period between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918, may also be buried in any national cemetery: Provided, That the interment is without cost to the United States. As used in this section, the term "widow" includes the widow of any member of the armed forces of the United States lost or buried at sea or officially determined to be permanently absent in a status of missing or missing in action.

Sec. 2. Section 4878, Revised Statutes, as amended (24 U. S. C. 281), is hereby repealed.

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