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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
109TH LEGISLATURE
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(Filing No. H-264)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 923, L.D. 1138, Bill,
"AN ACT to Revise the Qualifications for Burial in the Veterans
Memorial Cemetery."

Amend the Bill by striking out everything after the
enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 37-A MRSA §19, first sentence, as enacted by PL
1971, c. 580, §1, is amended to read:

Any person who served on active duty in the United States
Armed Forces during any federally recognized period of conflict,
including the Korean Campaign and the Viet Nam War, or was
eligible for Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal or campaign
medal and who, if discharged, received an honorable discharge
or a general discharge under honorable conditions, provided that
the discharge was not upgraded through a program of general
amnesty, may be buried in this cemetery without charge, if he,
while a resident of Maine, entered service or was, at the time
of his death or of the death of one of his eligible dependents,
a resident of Maine.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds shall be
appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of
this Act.

	<u>1979-80</u>	<u>1980-81</u>
DEFENSE AND VETERANS' SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
Veterans Memorial Cemetery	\$12,375	\$17,000'

Statement of Fact

This amendment revises the qualifications a veteran must have in order to be buried in the veterans memorial cemetery by allowing veterans who were discharged with a general discharge under honorable conditions to be buried in the veterans memorial cemetery. It also denies burial to veterans whose honorable discharge or a general discharge under honorable conditions was the result of a program of general amnesty. This amendment also adds an appropriation for the fiscal year 1979-80 for \$12,375 and for the fiscal year 1980-81 of \$17,000.

Reported by the Committee on Aging, Retirement and Veterans
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