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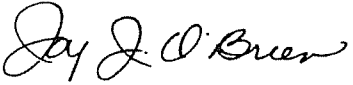
No. 1940

S.P. 736

In Senate, December 14, 1989

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 14, 1989. Referred to the Committee on Aging, Retirement and Veterans and 1,600 ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 14.


JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator WEYMOUTH of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Senator DUTREMBLE of York and Representative AULT of Wayne.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

An Act to Allow Any Maine Veteran to Be Buried in the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery.



Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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37-B MRSA §504, sub-§4, ¶A-1, as amended by PL 1989, c. 96
4 and c. 502, Pt. D, §21, is further amended to read:

6 A-1. As used in this subsection, unless the context
7 indicates otherwise, the following terms have the following
8 meanings.

10 (1) "Eligible dependent" means the wife, husband,
11 surviving spouse, unmarried minor child or unmarried
12 adult child who became incapable of self-support before
13 reaching 18 years of age on account of mental or
14 physical defects.

16 (2) "Eligible veteran" means any person who:

18 (a) Served on active duty in the United States
19 Armed Forces during any federally recognized
20 period of conflict, served on active duty in the
21 United States Armed Forces at any time during the
22 period December 22, 1961 to August 5, 1964 or was
23 eligible for an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
24 or campaign medal, and who:

26 (i) If discharged, received an honorable
27 discharge or a general discharge under
28 honorable conditions, provided that the
29 discharge was not upgraded through a program
30 of general amnesty; and

32 (ii) Was a resident of the State at the time
33 of entering military service, death or the
34 death of an eligible dependent;

36 (b) Served in the Maine National Guard and died
37 as a result of injury, disease or illness
38 sustained while serving on state active duty as
39 provided in chapter 3, subchapter III; or

40 (c) Served in the Armed Forces in the United
41 States at any time and was killed or died as a
42 result of hostile action and was a resident of the
43 State at the time of entering military service, at
44 the time of death or at the time of the death of
45 an eligible dependent; or

46 (d) Served in an active state in the Armed Forces
47 in the United States and received an honorable
48 discharge or a general discharge under honorable
49 conditions, provided that the discharge was not
50 upgraded through a program of general amnesty.
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(3) "Federally recognized period of conflict" means World War I, April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918, March 31, 1920, if service was in Russia; World War II, December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946; Korean Conflict, June 27, 1950 to January 31, 1955; and the Vietnam War, August 5, 1964 to May 7, 1975.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to allow any Maine veteran with an honorable discharge from active service to be buried in the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery.