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No. 313

S.P. 116

In Senate, January 14, 1999

**An Act to Allow Honorably Discharged Veterans to Be Buried in the
Veterans' Memorial Cemetery.**

Reference to the Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HARRIMAN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative BUCK of Yarmouth and
Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, FERGUSON of Oxford.

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

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4 Sec. 1. 37-B MRSA §504, sub-§4, ¶A-1, as repealed and replaced
by PL 1993, c. 680, Pt. A, §33, is 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, unmarried
12 dependent child enrolled in secondary school or
13 unmarried adult child who became incapable of
14 self-support before reaching 18 years of age on account
of mental or 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; or

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~~

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

48 (3) ~~"Federally recognized period of conflict" means
49 World War I, April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918, or
50 March 31, 1920 if service was in Russia; World War II,
51 December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946; Korean Conflict,~~

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~~June 27, 1950 to January 31, 1955, the Vietnam War,~~
~~August 5, 1964 to May 7, 1975, and the Persian Gulf~~
~~War, August 7, 1990 to April 11, 1991.~~

SUMMARY

This bill allows any honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces to be buried in the Veterans' Memorial Cemetery.