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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. BERGMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on ____________________________

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SEC. 2. BURIAL ALLOWANCE FOR CERTAIN VETERANS WHO DIE AT HOME WHILE IN RECEIPT OF HOSPICE CARE FURNISHED BY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

(a) In general.—Subsection (a)(2)(A) of section 2303 of title 38, United States Code, as amended by section 2202 of the Johnny Isakson and David P. Roe, M.D. Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020 (Public Law 116–315; 134 Stat. 4984), is further amended—

(1) in clause (i), by striking “; or” and inserting a semicolon;

(2) in clause (ii)—

(A) in subclause (II), by striking “; or” and inserting a semicolon; and

(B) in subclause (III), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; or”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following new clause:

“(iii) a home or other setting at which the deceased veteran was, at the time of death, receiving hospice care pursuant to section 1717(a) of this title if such care was directly preceded by the Secretary furnishing to the veteran hospital care or nursing home care as de-
(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by subsection (a) shall take effect as if included in the enactment of the Johnny Isakson and David P. Roe, M.D. Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020 (Public Law 116–315).