

**PUBLIC LAW 110-157 PROVISIONS
RELEVANT TO THE NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION**

1. PURPOSE: To inform Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) National Cemetery Administration (NCA) employees of NCA-related provisions in Public Law 110-157.

2. BACKGROUND:

Public Law 110-157, Dr. James Allen Veteran Vision Equity Act of 2007, enacted on December 26, 2007, contains four provisions of interest to NCA:

a. Section 201 amends section 2306(d) of title 38, United States Code, to allow the Secretary to provide, upon request, a medallion or other device of a design determined by the Secretary to signify the deceased's status as a veteran, to be attached to a privately-furnished headstone or marker.

b. Section 202 amends section 2408 of title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary to make a grant to any State for operating and maintaining a veterans cemetery owned by the State. It limits the total amount for all operations and maintenance grants in any fiscal year to \$5 million and requires, no later than 180 days following enactment of the Public Law, the Secretary to issue regulations on implementing this new authority.

c. Section 203 amends section 2306(d) of title 38, United States Code, to make permanent and retroactive to November 1, 1990, the authority to provide Government-furnished headstones or markers for privately-marked veterans graves at private cemeteries.

d. Section 302 amends section 3485 of title 38, United States Code, to extend to June 30, 2010, the authority of the Secretary to provide a work-study allowance to individuals performing qualifying work-study activities, including those at national and State veterans cemeteries.

NOTE: The full text of Public Laws is available electronically at <http://thomas.loc.gov/> under "Find More Legislation," "Public Laws."

3. RESPONSIBLE OFFICES:

a. NCA, Communications Management Service, Legislative and Regulatory Division, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420 will respond to questions related to public laws or the regulatory process.

b. Questions related to medallions or markers for marked graves in private cemeteries should be directed to Memorial Programs Service.

c. Questions related to grants for operations and maintenance of State-owned veterans cemeteries should be directed to State Cemetery Grants Service.

d. Questions related to work-study allowance should be directed to NCA Human Resources Center in Indianapolis.

4. RESCISSION: This notice will expire once the information about State veterans cemeteries, headstones, markers, and medallions is incorporated into NCA regulations published in the Code of Federal Regulations.

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