

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CORNYN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Restoring the Sanctity  
5       of Public Entombments, Cemeteries, and Tributes Act of  
6       2025” or the “RESPECT Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. APPLICABILITY OF AUTHORITY TO RECONSIDER**  
2 **DECISIONS TO INTER THE REMAINS OR**  
3 **HONOR THE MEMORY OF A PERSON IN A NA-**  
4 **TIONAL CEMETERY.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2411 of title 38, United  
6 States Code, is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (d)(1), by inserting “made on  
8 or after June 18, 1973,” after “reconsider a deci-  
9 sion”; and

10 (2) in subsections (b)(4)(A), (b)(5)(A),  
11 (d)(2)(A)(ii), and (e)(1)(B), by striking “to be a tier  
12 III sex offender for purposes of the Sex Offender  
13 Registration and Notification Act (34 U.S.C. 20901  
14 et seq.)” each place it appears and inserting “to  
15 meet the definition of a tier III sex offender under  
16 section 111 of the Sex Offender Registration and  
17 Notification Act (34 U.S.C. 20911)”.

18 (b) CONFORMING REPEAL.—Section 2 of the Alicia  
19 Dawn Koehl Respect for National Cemeteries Act (Public  
20 Law 113–65) is amended by striking subsection (c).