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# H. R. 4365

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and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 6, 2021

Mr. LAMBORN (for himself, Mrs. HARTZLER, and Mr. KEATING) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

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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 “Chaplains Memorial  
5       Preservation Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PRESERVATION OF MEMORIALS TO CHAPLAINS AT**  
2 **ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY.**

3 (a) UPDATES TO MEMORIALS.—The National Con-  
4 ference on Ministry to the Armed Forces, or any successor  
5 organization recognized in law for purposes of this Act,  
6 may, at no cost to the Federal Government—

7 (1)(A) update the memorial to Protestant chap-  
8 lains located in Arlington National Cemetery, Vir-  
9 ginia, with a granite, marble, or other stone base to  
10 host the bronze plaque of the memorial;

11 (B) add an additional plaque to such base that  
12 includes the name of each chaplain, verified as de-  
13 scribed in subsection (b), who died while on active  
14 duty since the original memorial was placed; and

15 (C) make such other updates and corrections to  
16 the memorial as may from time to time be needed  
17 as determined by the National Conference on Min-  
18 istry to the Armed Forces or such successor organi-  
19 zation; and

20 (2) make such updates and corrections to the  
21 memorial to Catholic chaplains and the memorial to  
22 Jewish chaplains located in Arlington National Cem-  
23 etery as may from time to time be needed as deter-  
24 mined by the National Conference on Ministry to the  
25 Armed Forces or such successor organization.

1       (b) VERIFICATION OF NAMES.—The National Con-  
2       ference on Ministry to the Armed Forces, or any successor  
3       organization recognized in law for purposes of this Act,  
4       may verify with the Chief of Chaplains of the Army, the  
5       Chief of Chaplains of the Navy, the Chief of Chaplains  
6       for the Air Force and the Space Force, and such agencies  
7       of the Department of Defense as the Secretary of the  
8       Army considers appropriate, the names of chaplains for  
9       memorialization in Arlington National Cemetery.

10       (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this Act  
11       may be construed as authorizing the expansion of any  
12       monument or memorial that is located in Arlington Na-  
13       tional Cemetery as of the date of the enactment of this  
14       Act.

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