117TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

H. R. 9152

To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the interment of military working dogs in any open national cemetery under the control of the National Cemetery Administration, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

October 7, 2022

Mr. Vicente Gonzalez of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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 "Sgt. Fieldy Act".

1 SEC. 2. INTERMENT OF MILITARY WORKING DOGS IN NA-

- 2 TIONAL CEMETERIES.
- 3 (a) Interment of Military Working Dogs.—
- 4 Section 2402 of title 38, United States Code, is amended
- 5 by adding at the end the following new subsection:
- 6 "(c)(1) In addition to the persons specified in sub-
- 7 section (a), under such regulations as the Secretary may
- 8 prescribe, the remains of any covered dog may be interred
- 9 in any open national cemetery under the control of the
- 10 National Cemetery Administration.
- 11 "(2) In this subsection, the term 'covered dog' means
- 12 a deceased dog that, at any time before death, was a mili-
- 13 tary working dog, as described in section 2583(i) of title
- 14 10.".
- 15 (b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by sub-
- 16 section (a) shall apply with respect to deaths occurring
- 17 on or after the day that is one year before the date of
- 18 the enactment of this Act.

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