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H. R. 3293

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural
Resources

AN ACT

To amend the law that authorized the Vietnam Veterans Memorial to authorize the placement within the site of the memorial of a plaque to honor those Vietnam veterans who died after their service in the Vietnam war, but as a direct result of that service.

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. ADDITION OF COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE, VIET-**
4 **NAM VETERANS MEMORIAL.**

5 Public Law 96–297 (94 Stat. 827; 16 U.S.C. 431
6 note), which authorized the Vietnam Veterans Memorial
7 in the District of Columbia, is amended by adding at the
8 end the following new section:

9 **“SEC. 5. PLAQUE TO HONOR OTHER VIETNAM VETERANS**
10 **WHO DIED AS A RESULT OF SERVICE IN THE**
11 **VIETNAM WAR.**

12 “(a) **PLAQUE AUTHORIZED.**—Notwithstanding sec-
13 tion 3(c) of the Commemorative Works Act (40 U.S.C.
14 1003(c)), the American Battle Monuments Commission is
15 authorized to place within the Vietnam Veterans Memorial
16 a suitable plaque containing an inscription intended to
17 honor those Vietnam veterans who died after their service
18 in the Vietnam war, but as a direct result of that service,
19 and whose names are not otherwise eligible for placement
20 on the memorial wall.

21 “(b) **SPECIFICATIONS.**—The plaque shall be at least
22 6 square feet in size and not larger than 18 square feet
23 in size, and of whatever shape as the American Battle
24 Monuments Commission determines to be appropriate for

1 the site. The plaque shall bear an inscription prepared by
2 the American Battle Monuments Commission.

3 “(c) RELATION TO COMMEMORATIVE WORKS ACT.—
4 Except as provided in subsection (a), the Commemorative
5 Works Act (40 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.) shall apply to the
6 design and placement of the plaque within the site of the
7 Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

8 “(d) CONSULTATION.—In designing the plaque, pre-
9 paring the inscription, and selecting the specific location
10 for the plaque within the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the
11 American Battle Monuments Commission shall consult
12 with the architects of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial
13 Fund, Inc., and the Vietnam Women’s Memorial, Inc.

14 “(e) FUNDS FOR PLAQUE.—

15 “(1) PROHIBITION ON USE OF FEDERAL
16 FUNDS.—Federal funds may not be used to design,
17 procure, or install the plaque. However, the pre-
18 ceding sentence does not apply to the payment of the
19 salaries, expenses, and other benefits otherwise au-
20 thorized by law for members of the American Battle
21 Monuments Commission or other personnel (includ-
22 ing detailees) of the American Battle Monuments
23 Commission who carry out this section.

24 “(2) PRIVATE FUNDRAISING AUTHORITY.—The
25 American Battle Monuments Commission shall so-

1 licit and accept private contributions for the design,
2 procurement, and installation of the plaque. The
3 American Battle Monuments Commission shall es-
4 tablish an account into which the contributions will
5 be deposited and shall maintain documentation of
6 the contributions. Contributions in excess of the
7 amounts necessary for the design, procurement, and
8 installation of the plaque shall be deposited in the
9 United States Treasury.

10 “(f) VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL DEFINED.—In
11 this section, the term ‘Vietnam Veterans Memorial’ means
12 the structures and adjacent areas extending to and bound-
13 ed by the south curb of Constitution Avenue on the north,
14 the east curb of Henry Bacon Drive on the west, the north
15 side of the north Reflecting Pool walkway on the south
16 and a line drawn perpendicular to Constitution Avenue
17 200 feet from the east tip of the memorial wall on the
18 east (this is also a line extended from the east side of the
19 western concrete border of the steps to the west of the
20 center steps to the Federal Reserve Building extending to
21 the Reflecting pool walkway). This is the same definition
22 used by the National Park Service as of the date of the

1 enactment of this section, as contained in section
2 7.96(g)(1)(x) of title 36, Code of Federal Regulations.”.

Passed the House of Representatives May 9, 2000.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,

Clerk.