

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1757

To amend title 38, United States Code, to extend or make permanent certain authorities for veterans' benefits, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 10, 2007

Mr. AKAKA (by request) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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; REFERENCES TO TITLE 38,**
4 **UNITED STATES CODE.**

5 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the
6 “Veterans’ Authorities Expansion Act of 2007”.

7 (b) **REFERENCES.**—Except as otherwise expressly
8 provided, whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal
9 is expressed in terms of an amendment or repeal to a sec-
10 tion or other provision, the reference shall be considered

1 to be made to a section or other provision of title 38,
2 United States Code.

3 **SEC. 2. PERMANENT TREATMENT AUTHORITY FOR PAR-**
4 **TICIPANTS IN DOD CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGI-**
5 **CAL TESTING CONDUCTED BY DESERET TEST**
6 **CENTER (INCLUDING PROJECT SHIPBOARD**
7 **HAZARD AND DEFENSE).**

8 Section 1710(e)(3) is amended—

9 (1) in clause (B), by inserting “and” after the
10 semicolon; and

11 (2) by striking “; and” at the end of clause (C)
12 and all that follows before the period at the end of
13 paragraph (3).

14 **SEC. 3. PERMANENT AND RETROACTIVE AUTHORITY FOR**
15 **VA TO FURNISH GOVERNMENT HEADSTONES**
16 **OR MARKERS FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS IN**
17 **PRIVATE CEMETERIES.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2306 is amended—

19 (1) by striking paragraph (d)(3); and

20 (2) by re-designating paragraph (d)(4) as para-
21 graph (d)(3).

22 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The provisions of section
23 2306(d) of title 38, United States Code, as amended by
24 this Act, apply to a veteran who died on or after November
25 1, 1990.

1 **SEC. 4. EXTENSION OF INCREASE IN BENEFIT FOR INDIVID-**
2 **UALS PURSUING APPRENTICESHIP OR ON-**
3 **THE-JOB TRAINING.**

4 Section 103 of the Veterans Benefits Improvement
5 Act of 2004 (Public Law No. 108–454; 118 Stat. 3600),
6 as amended, is amended by striking “2008” each place
7 it appears and inserting “2011”.

8 **SEC. 5. EXTENSION OF WORK-STUDY ALLOWANCE.**

9 Section 3485(a)(4) is amended by striking “June 30,
10 2007” each place it appears and inserting “September 30,
11 2010”.

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