AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116–57

OFFERED BY MR. DELGADO OF NEW YORK

Page 1115, after line 5, insert the following:

SEC. 1762. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AID TO COUNTIES FOR ESTABLISHMENT, EXPANSION, AND IMPROVEMENT OF VETERANS' CEMETERIES.

(a) In general.—Section 2408 of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by inserting “or county” after “State” each place it appears; and

(2) in subsection (a), by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(3)(A) The Secretary may make a grant to a county under this section only if—

“(i)(I) the State in which the county is located does not have a veterans’ cemetery owned by the State; or

“(II) the State in which the county is located did not apply for a grant during the previous year; and
“(ii) the county demonstrates in the application under paragraph (2), to the satisfaction of the Secretary, that the county has the resources necessary to operate and maintain the veterans’ cemetery owned by the county.

“(B) If a county and the State in which the county is located both apply for a grant under this section for the same year, the Secretary shall give priority to the State.

“(C) The Secretary shall prescribe regulations to carry out this paragraph.”.

(b) Clerical Amendments.—

(1) Section Heading.—The heading of such section is amended by inserting “and counties” after “States”.

(2) Table of Sections.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 24 of such title is amended by striking the item relating to section 2408 and inserting the following new item:

“2408. Aid to States and counties for establishment, expansion, and improvement of veterans’ cemeteries.”.