

Such payment shall not exceed the cost of transportation to the national cemetery nearest the veteran's last place of residence in which burial space is available.

(b) **DECEASED VETERAN DESCRIBED.**—A deceased veteran described in this subsection is any of the following veterans:

(1) A veteran who dies as the result of a service-connected disability.

(2) A veteran who dies while in receipt of disability compensation (or who but for the receipt of retirement pay or pension under this title, would have been entitled to compensation).

(3) A veteran whom the Secretary determines is eligible for funeral expenses under section 2302 of this title by virtue of the Secretary determining that the veteran has no next of kin or other person claiming the body of such veteran pursuant to subsection (a)(2)(A) of such section.

(Added Pub. L. 94-433, title III, §304(a), Sept. 30, 1976, 90 Stat. 1377, §908; amended Pub. L. 101-237, title III, §313(b)(1), Dec. 18, 1989, 103 Stat. 2077; renumbered §2308 and amended Pub. L. 102-83, §5(a), (c)(1), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 406; Pub. L. 112-260, title I, §104(b)(2), Jan. 10, 2013, 126 Stat. 2420.)

#### AMENDMENTS

2013—Pub. L. 112-260 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a), inserted heading, substituted "The Secretary" for "Where a veteran dies as the result of a service-connected disability, or is in receipt of (but for the receipt of retirement pay or pension under this title would have been entitled to) disability compensation, the Secretary", inserted "described in subsection (b)" after "of the deceased veteran", and added subsec. (b).

1991—Pub. L. 102-83 renumbered section 908 of this title as this section and substituted "2302 or 2307" for "902 or 907".

1989—Pub. L. 101-237 substituted "Secretary" for "Administrator".

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2013 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 112-260 effective on the date that is one year after Jan. 10, 2013, and applicable with respect to burials and funerals occurring on or after that date, see section 104(b)(3) of Pub. L. 112-260, set out as a note under section 2302 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Oct. 1, 1976, see section 406 of Pub. L. 94-433, set out as an Effective Date of 1976 Amendment note under section 1101 of this title.

### CHAPTER 24—NATIONAL CEMETERIES AND MEMORIALS

Sec.	
2400.	Establishment of National Cemetery Administration; composition of Administration.
2401.	Advisory Committee on Cemeteries and Memorials.
2402.	Persons eligible for interment in national cemeteries.
2403.	Memorial areas.
2404.	Administration.
2405.	Disposition of inactive cemeteries.
2406.	Acquisition of lands.
2407.	Authority to accept and maintain suitable memorials.
2408.	Aid to States for establishment, expansion, and improvement of veterans' cemeteries.

Sec.	
2409.	Memorial areas in Arlington National Cemetery.
2410.	Burial of cremated remains in Arlington National Cemetery.
2410A.	Arlington National Cemetery: other administrative matters.
2411.	Prohibition against interment or memorialization in the National Cemetery Administration or Arlington National Cemetery of persons committing Federal or State capital crimes.
2412.	Lease of land and buildings.
2413.	Prohibition on certain demonstrations and disruptions at cemeteries under control of the National Cemetery Administration and at Arlington National Cemetery.
2414.	Communication between Department of Veterans Affairs and medical examiners and funeral directors.

#### AMENDMENTS

2013—Pub. L. 112-260, title I, §103(b), Jan. 10, 2013, 126 Stat. 2420, added item 2414.

2012—Pub. L. 112-154, title VI, §§601(c)(2), 602(b), Aug. 6, 2012, 126 Stat. 1199, 1200, added items 2410A and 2413 and struck out former item 2413 "Prohibition on certain demonstrations at cemeteries under control of the National Cemetery Administration and at Arlington National Cemetery".

2006—Pub. L. 109-228, §2(a)(2), May 29, 2006, 120 Stat. 388, added item 2413.

2004—Pub. L. 108-454, title VI, §602(b), Dec. 10, 2004, 118 Stat. 3624, added item 2412.

1998—Pub. L. 105-368, title IV, §403(c)(4), (d)(1), Nov. 11, 1998, 112 Stat. 3338, 3339, substituted "Administration; composition of Administration" for "System; composition of such system; appointment of director" in item 2400 and "Administration" for "System" in item 2411.

1997—Pub. L. 105-116, §1(b), Nov. 21, 1997, 111 Stat. 2382, added item 2411.

1991—Pub. L. 102-83, §5(b)(1), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 406, renumbered items 1000 to 1010 as 2400 to 2410, respectively.

1989—Pub. L. 101-237, title V, §502(b), Dec. 18, 1989, 103 Stat. 2093, added item 1010.

1986—Pub. L. 99-576, title IV, §413(b), Oct. 28, 1986, 100 Stat. 3284, added item 1009.

1978—Pub. L. 95-476, title II, §202(b)(2), Oct. 18, 1978, 92 Stat. 1505, added item 1008.

### § 2400. Establishment of National Cemetery Administration; composition of Administration

(a) There shall be within the Department a National Cemetery Administration responsible for the interment of deceased servicemembers and veterans. The National Cemetery Administration shall be headed by the Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, who shall perform such functions as may be assigned by the Secretary.

(b) The national cemeteries and other facilities under the control of the National Cemetery Administration shall consist of—

(1) national cemeteries transferred from the Department of the Army to the Veterans' Administration by the National Cemeteries Act of 1973;

(2) cemeteries under the jurisdiction of the Veterans' Administration on the date of enactment of this chapter; and

(3) any other cemetery, memorial, or monument transferred to the Veterans' Administration by the National Cemeteries Act of 1973, or later acquired or developed by the Secretary.

(Added Pub. L. 93-43, §2(a), June 18, 1973, 87 Stat. 75, §1000; amended Pub. L. 99-576, title VII,