



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 1627  
Honoring American Veterans Act of 2011**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on May 12, 2011*

H.R. 1627 would codify current practice at Arlington National Cemetery (ANC) regarding the type, placement, and funding of commemorative monuments, and the current prohibition on the reservation of gravesites. No gravesite could be reserved for any individuals before their death unless the request was submitted prior to January 1, 1962. The bill also would require the Department of the Army to submit a report within 180 days detailing the number of reservation requests made to ANC before January 1, 1962; the number of gravesites that were reserved because of such requests; the number of reserved gravesites that are unoccupied; the number of reservations approved by ANC management; the measures being taken to improve transparency and accountability regarding gravesite reservations at ANC; and recommendations for possible legislative action to improve transparency and accountability.

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1627 would cost less than \$500,000 in 2012, assuming availability of the necessary appropriations.

Enacting H.R. 1627 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 1627 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandate Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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