House Bill 440 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend Code Section 38-4-70 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the establishment of cemeteries and eligibility for interment, so as to remove the residency requirement for Georgia veterans eligible for interment in a veterans cemetery; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Code Section 38-4-70 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the establishment of cemeteries and eligibility for interment, is amended by striking in its entirety subsection (b) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"(b) The Department of Veterans Service has the primary responsibility for verifying eligibility for interment in a Georgia veterans cemetery. Eligibility criteria for interment in a Georgia veterans cemetery is the same as required for interment in a national cemetery as provided by federal law and rules and regulations applicable thereto~~; provided, however, that to be eligible for interment a veteran must have been a legal resident of Georgia for two years immediately prior to his or her death~~."

**SECTION 2.**

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.