

## 2010 SESSION

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### HOUSE BILL NO. 469

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 2.2-2708 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the War Memorial Foundation; inclusion in Virginia War Memorial.*

Patrons—Watts, Abbott, Alexander, BaCote, Brink, Bulova, Carr, Englin, Herring, Hope, Johnson, Miller, P.J., Morrissey, Plum, Sickles, Surovell, Toscano and Ward

Referred to Committee on General Laws

#### **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

#### **1. That § 2.2-2708 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 2.2-2708. Names of Virginians "Missing in Action"; ownership of War Memorial.

A. ~~The~~ *In addition to the names and homes of record designation of all Virginians "Missing In Action" as a result of the Vietnam War and all Virginians "Killed in Action" as a result of the Persian Gulf Conflict shall be placed in the Virginia War Memorial engraved on the Virginia War Memorial as of January 1, 2010, the names and homes of record of United States Army, United States Air Force, United States Coast Guard, United States Marine, United States Merchant Marine, United States Navy, Virginia National Guard, and Reserve service members from the Commonwealth of Virginia who died in a Department of Defense-designated combat area under honorable conditions or who are "Missing In Action" and presumed dead shall be so engraved if (i) the death occurred since July 1, 1990, and (ii) the qualifying deceased service member listed Virginia as his home of record as defined by the Department of Defense or as his legal residence. The Foundation Board of Trustees may consider petitions to add the names and homes of record of service members killed in a Department of Defense-designated combat area to the Memorial starting with World War II. The decision of the Board of Trustees shall be final in all cases.*

B. The Virginia War Memorial, its grounds, all its contents, furnishings, funds, endowments, and other property, now owned or hereafter acquired, are and shall remain property of the Commonwealth.

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