ability of including Arlington National Cemetery within the National Cemetery System, the appropriateness of maintaining the present eligibility requirements for burial at Arlington National Cemetery and the advisability of establishing another national cemetery, and to submit the results of their joint recommendations within twelve months after the convening of the first session of the Ninety-third Congress.

§ 2405. Disposition of inactive cemeteries

(a) The Secretary may transfer, with the consent of the agency concerned, any inactive cemetery, burial plot, memorial, or monument within the Secretary's control to the Department of the Interior for maintenance as a national monument or park, or to any other agency of the Government. Any cemetery transferred to the Department of the Interior shall be administered by the Secretary of the Interior as a part of the National Park System, and funds appropriated to the Secretary of the Interior for such system shall be available for the management and operation of such cemetery.

(b) The Secretary may also transfer and convey all right, title, and interest of the United States in or to any inactive cemetery or burial plot, or portion thereon, to any State, county, municipality, or proper agency thereof, in which or in the vicinity of which such cemetery or burial plot is located, but in the event the grantee shall cease or fail to care for and maintain the cemetery or burial plot or the graves and monuments contained therein in a manner satisfactory to the Secretary, all such right, title, and interest transferred or conveyed by the United States, shall revert to the United States.

(c) If a cemetery not under the control of the National Cemetery Administration has been or is to be discontinued, the Secretary may provide for the removal of remains from that cemetery to any cemetery under the control of such Administration. The Secretary may also provide for the removal of the remains of any veteran from a place of temporary interment, or from an abandoned grave or cemetery, to a national cemetery.

(Added Pub. L. 93–43, § 2(a), June 18, 1973, 87 Stat. 77, § 1005; amended Pub. L. 99–576, title VII, § 701(56), Oct. 28, 1986, 100 Stat. 3295; Pub. L. 101–237, title III, § 313(b)(1), (4), Dec. 18, 1989, 103 Stat. 2077; renumbered § 2405, Pub. L. 102–83, § 5(a), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 406; Pub. L. 105–368, title IV, § 403(c)(7), Nov. 11, 1998, 112 Stat. 3339.)

AMENDMENTS

1998—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 105–368, in first sentence, substituted ''under the control of the National Cemetery Administration'' for ''within the National Cemetery System'' and ''under the control of such Administration'' for ''within such System''.

1991—Pub. L. 102–83 renumbered section 1005 of this title as this section.

1989—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 101–237, § 313(b)(4), inserted ''of the Interior'' after ''funds appropriated to the Secretary''.

Pub. L. 101–237, § 313(b)(1), substituted ''Secretary may transfer'' for ''Administrator may transfer'' and ''Secretary's'' for ''Administrator's''.

Subsecs. (b), (c). Pub. L. 101–237, § 313(b)(1), substituted ''Secretary'' for ''Administrator'' wherever appearing.

1986—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 99–576, § 701(56)(A), substituted ''the Administrator's'' for ''his''.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 99–576, § 701(56)(B), substituted ''The Administrator'' for ''He''.

§ 2406. Acquisition of lands

As additional lands are needed for national cemeteries, they may be acquired by the Secretary by purchase, gift (including donations from States or political subdivisions thereof), condemnation, transfer from other Federal agencies, exchange, or otherwise, as the Secretary determines to be in the best interest of the United States.

(Added Pub. L. 93–43, § 2(a), June 18, 1973, 87 Stat. 78, § 1006; amended Pub. L. 99–576, title VII, § 701(57), Oct. 28, 1986, 100 Stat. 3295; Pub. L. 101–237, title III, § 313(b)(1), Dec. 18, 1989, 103 Stat. 2077; renumbered § 2406, Pub. L. 102–83, § 5(a), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 406; Pub. L. 108–454, title VI, § 603, Dec. 10, 2004, 118 Stat. 3624.)

AMENDMENTS

2004—Pub. L. 108—454 inserted ''exchange,'' after ''agencies,''.

1991—Pub. L. 102–83 renumbered section 1006 of this title as this section.

1989—Pub. L. 101–237 substituted ''Secretary'' for ''Administrator'' wherever appearing.

1986—Pub. L. 99–576 substituted ''the Administrator'' for ''he''.

§ 2407. Authority to accept and maintain suitable memorials

Subject to such restrictions as the Secretary may prescribe, the Secretary may accept gifts, devises, or bequests from legitimate societies and organizations or reputable individuals, made in any manner, which are made for the purpose of beautifying national cemeteries, or are determined to be beneficial to such cemetery. The Secretary may make land available for this purpose, and may furnish such care and maintenance as the Secretary deems necessary.

(Added Pub. L. 93–43, § 2(a), June 18, 1973, 87 Stat. 78, § 1007; amended Pub. L. 99–576, title VII, § 701(58), Oct. 28, 1986, 100 Stat. 3296; Pub. L. 101–237, title III, § 313(b)(1), Dec. 18, 1989, 103 Stat. 2077; renumbered § 2407, Pub. L. 102–83, § 5(a), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 406.)

AMENDMENTS

1991—Pub. L. 102–83 renumbered section 1007 of this title as this section.

1989—Pub. L. 101–237 substituted ''Secretary'' for ''Administrator'' wherever appearing.

1986—Pub. L. 99–576 substituted ''the Administrator'' for ''he'' in two places and ''The Administrator'' for ''He''.

§ 2408. Aid to States for establishment, expansion, and improvement of veterans' cemeteries

(a)(1) Subject to subsection (b), the Secretary may make a grant to any State for the following purposes:

(A) Establishing, expanding, or improving a veterans' cemetery owned by the State.

(B) Operating and maintaining such a cemetery.

(2) A grant under paragraph (1) may be made only upon submission of an application to the Secretary in such form and manner, and con-