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WASHINGTON, D.C., June 29 --- U.S. Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kans.) has cosponsored a bill that would prohibit the use of the names of certain deceased servicemen without consent to do so from the next of kin.

The Kansas Senator explained that Senate Bill 1742 provides that, other than the news media, whoever publicly uses for any purpose on public or Federal property the name of any member of the armed services, without first obtaining the consent of the next of kin, will be fined not more than \$500, or imprisoned not more than one year, or both. The proposed law would cover only those deceased servicemen who were killed on or after August 5, 1964, while on active duty in a combat zone.

Dole said he cosponsored the legislation because, "cruel and thoughtless use of casualty lists for purposes and causes to which the servicemen may or may not have subscribed, have been known to add to the bereavement of the deceased servicemen's families. Certainly these people should be spared any additional, unneeded grief."