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To amend title 38, United States Code, to reimburse veterans for the cost of emergency medical transportation to a Federal facility, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ALFORD (for himself, Mrs. KIM, and Mr. NEGUSE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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A BILL

To amend title 38, United States Code, to reimburse veterans for the cost of emergency medical transportation to a Federal facility, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "VA Emergency Transportation Act".

SEC. 2. REIMBURSEMENT OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION TO A FEDERAL FACILITY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1725 of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in the heading, by striking ''**EMERGENCY TREATMENT**'' and inserting ''**EMERGENCY SERVICES**'';

(2) by striking ''the emergency treatment'' each place it appears and inserting ''such emergency services'';

(3) by striking ''such treatment'' each place it appears and inserting ''such emergency services'';

(4) by striking ''that treatment'' each place it appears and inserting ''such emergency services'';

(5) by striking ''the treatment'' each place it appears and inserting ''such emergency services'';

(6) by striking ''in a non-Department facility'' each place it appears;

(7) by striking ''same treatment'' and inserting ''same emergency services'';

(8) in subsection (a)(2)(A), by striking ''health care provider that furnished the treatment'' and inserting ''provider that furnished such emergency services'';

(9) in subsections (a) through (d), as amended by the preceding paragraphs, by striking ''emergency treatment'' each place it appears and inserting ''emergency services'';

(10) in subsection (b)(3)(B), by striking ''(h)(2)(B) or (h)(2)(C)'' and inserting ''(h)(4)(B) or (h)(4)(C)'';

(11) in subsection (f)—

(A) by striking ''treatment provided'' and inserting ''emergency services furnished''; and

(B) by striking ''was provided'' and inserting ''was furnished'';

(12) in subsection (g), by striking ''for emergency treatment'' and inserting ''for emergency services''; and

(13) in subsection (h)—

(A) by redesignating paragraph (1), (2), and (3) as paragraphs (3), (4), and (5), respectively;

(B) in paragraph (3), as redesignated, insert ''in a non-Department facility'' after ''services furnished''; and

(C) by inserting before paragraph (3), as redesignated, the following new paragraphs (1) and (2):

''(1) The term 'emergency services' includes emergency treatment and emergency transportation.

"(2) The term 'emergency transportation' means transportation of a veteran by ambulance or air ambulance by a non-Department provider—

"(A) to a facility for emergency treatment; or

"(B) from a non-Department facility where such veteran received emergency treatment—

"(i) to a Department or other Federal facility; and

"(ii) at a time described in paragraph (3)(C).".

(b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) DEFINITION OF EMERGENCY TREATMENT.—Section 1728(c) of such title is amended by striking "1725(h)(1)" and inserting "1725(h)".

(2) TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 17 of such title is amended by striking "emergency treatment" and inserting "emergency services".

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