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H. R. 1278

To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the rate of payments provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for beneficiary travel.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 1, 2023

Ms. BROWNLEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Driver Reimbursement
5 Increase for Veteran Equity Act” or the “DRIVE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PAYMENTS OR ALLOWANCES BY DEPARTMENT OF**
2 **VETERANS AFFAIRS FOR BENEFICIARY TRAV-**
3 **EL.**

4 (a) **MINIMUM PAYMENT AMOUNT.**—Subsection (g) of
5 section 111 of title 38, United States Code, is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 “(g) The Secretary shall ensure that the mileage rate
8 described in subsection (a) is equal to or greater than the
9 mileage reimbursement rate for the use of privately owned
10 vehicles by Government employees on official business
11 (when no Government vehicle is available), as prescribed
12 by the Administrator of General Services under section
13 5707(b) of title 5.”.

14 (b) **CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**—Such section is
15 further amended—

16 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “(at a rate of
17 41.5 cents per mile)” and inserting “(at a rate de-
18 termined in accordance with subsection (g))”; and

19 (2) in subsection (b)(1), by striking “and not-
20 withstanding subsection (g)(2) of this section”.

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