

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2286

To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a priority for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in processing certain claims for compensation.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 13, 2015

Mr. COOK 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 “Prioritizing Urgent
5 Claims for Veterans Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PRIORITY FOR PROCESSING CLAIMS OF THE DE-**
7 **PARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 51 of title
9 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end
10 the following new section:

1 **“§ 5109C. Priority for processing claims**

2 “In processing claims for compensation under this
3 chapter, the Secretary shall provide the following claim-
4 ants with priority over other claimants:

5 “(1) Veterans who have attained the age of 70.

6 “(2) Veterans who are terminally ill.

7 “(3) Veterans with life-threatening illnesses.”.

8 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
9 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting
10 after the item relating to section 5109B the following new
11 item:

“5109C. Priority for processing claims.”.

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