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# H. R. 2382

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COOK (for himself and Mrs. NEGRETE MCLEOD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## 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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