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# H. R. 3400

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.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. HARTZLER (for herself, Mr. GALLAGHER, Mr. STEUBE, Mr. TURNER, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. BACON, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. GAETZ, Mr. CUELLAR, Mrs. KIM of California, Ms. SPANBERGER, Mr. KILMER, and Mrs. AXNE) 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 “VA Emergency Trans-  
5 portation Act”.

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

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

5 (1) in the heading, by striking “**EMERGENCY**  
6 **TREATMENT**” and inserting “**EMERGENCY SERV-**  
7 **ICES**”;

8 (2) by striking “the emergency treatment” each  
9 place it appears and inserting “such emergency serv-  
10 ices”;

11 (3) by striking “such treatment” each place it  
12 appears and inserting “such emergency services”;

13 (4) by striking “that treatment” each place it  
14 appears and inserting “such emergency services”;

15 (5) by striking “the treatment” each place it  
16 appears and inserting “such emergency services”;

17 (6) by striking “in a non-Department facility”  
18 each place it appears;

19 (7) by striking “same treatment” and inserting  
20 “same emergency services”;

21 (8) in subsection (a)(2)(A), by striking “health  
22 care provider that furnished the treatment” and in-  
23 serting “provider that furnished such emergency  
24 services”;

25 (9) in subsections (a) through (d), as amended  
26 by the preceding paragraphs, by striking “emergency

1 treatment” each place it appears and inserting  
2 “emergency services”;

3 (10) in subsection (b)(3)(B), by striking  
4 “(f)(2)(B) or (f)(2)(C)” and inserting “(f)(4)(B) or  
5 (f)(4)(C)”; and

6 (11) in subsection (f)—

7 (A) by redesignating paragraph (1), (2),  
8 and (3) as paragraphs (3), (4), and (5), respec-  
9 tively;

10 (B) in paragraph (3), as redesignated, in-  
11 sert “in a non-Department facility” after “serv-  
12 ices furnished”; and

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

16 “(1) The term ‘emergency services’ includes  
17 emergency treatment and emergency transportation.

18 “(2) The term ‘emergency transportation’  
19 means transportation of a veteran by ambulance or  
20 air ambulance by a non-Department provider—

21 “(A) to a facility for emergency treatment;

22 or

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

1 “(i) to a Department or other Federal  
2 facility; and

3 “(ii) at a time described in paragraph  
4 (3)(C).”.

5 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

6 (1) DEFINITION OF EMERGENCY TREAT-  
7 MENT.—Section 1728(c) of such title is amended by  
8 striking “1725(f)(1)” and inserting “1725(f)”.

9 (2) TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The table of sections  
10 at the beginning of chapter 17 of such title is  
11 amended by striking “emergency treatment” and in-  
12 serting “emergency services”.

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