

118TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 5697

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 26, 2023

Mr. BILIRAKIS (for himself and Mr. PAPPAS) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. REQUIREMENT FOR SECRETARY OF VETERANS**  
2 **AFFAIRS TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO VETERANS**  
3 **PHYSICAL COPIES OF COVERED FORM FOR**  
4 **REIMBURSEMENT OF CERTAIN TRAVEL EX-**  
5 **PENSES.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs  
7 shall prescribe regulations to ensure that—

8 (1) a veteran may, for the purposes of submit-  
9 ting a claim for the reimbursement of expenses for  
10 travel under section 111 of title 38, United States  
11 Code—

12 (A) obtain a physical copy of the covered  
13 form—

14 (i) by mail, upon the request of such  
15 veteran; or

16 (ii) at any medical facility of the De-  
17 partment; and

18 (B) submit the covered form at any such  
19 medical facility; and

20 (2) any such medical facility to which a veteran  
21 submits the covered form—

22 (A) evaluates such covered form; and

23 (B) processes such claim associated with  
24 such covered form, if applicable.

1           (b) COVERED FORM DEFINED.—In this section, the  
2 term “covered form” means Department of Veterans Af-  
3 fairs Form 10–3452 (or any successor document).

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