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2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 6576

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 16, 2012

Mr. BILIRAKIS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Armed Services

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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. TRANSPORTATION ON MILITARY AIRCRAFT ON**  
2 **A SPACE-AVAILABLE BASIS FOR DISABLED**  
3 **VETERANS WITH A SERVICE-CONNECTED DIS-**  
4 **ABILITY RATED AS TOTAL.**

5 (a) AVAILABILITY OF TRANSPORTATION.—Chapter  
6 157 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by insert-  
7 ing after section 2641b the following new section:

8 **“§ 2641c. Space-available travel on Department of De-**  
9 **fense aircraft: certain disabled veterans**

10 “(a) DISABLED VETERANS.—The Secretary of De-  
11 fense shall provide transportation on scheduled and un-  
12 scheduled military flights within the continental United  
13 States and on scheduled overseas flights operated by the  
14 Air Mobility Command on a space-available basis for any  
15 veteran with a service-connected disability rated as total.  
16 Such transportation shall be provided on the same basis  
17 as such transportation is provided to members of the  
18 armed forces entitled to retired or retainer pay.

19 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms ‘vet-  
20 eran’ and ‘service-connected’ have the meanings given  
21 those terms in section 101 of title 38.”.

22 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
23 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting  
24 after the item relating to section 2641b the following new  
25 item:

“2641c. Space-available travel on Department of Defense aircraft: certain disabled veterans.”.

1       (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Section 2641c of title 10,  
2 United States Code, as added by subsection (a), shall take  
3 effect at the end of the 90-day period beginning on the  
4 date of the enactment of this Act.

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