

Union Calendar No. 323

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3812

[Report No. 119–371]

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 6, 2025

Mr. GRAY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

NOVEMBER 7, 2025

Additional sponsors: Mr. TAKANO, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Mr. COHEN, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Ms. ROSS, Ms. CRAIG, Ms. JAYAPAL, and Mr. FIGURES

NOVEMBER 7, 2025

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on June 6, 2025]

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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 “Stop Troubling Retro-*
 5 *active Invoices for Veteran Expenses Act of 2025” or the*
 6 *“STRIVE Act of 2025”.*

7 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON COLLECTION OF HEALTH CARE**
 8 **COPAYMENTS BY THE SECRETARY OF VET-**
 9 **ERANS AFFAIRS UNDER CERTAIN CONDI-**
 10 **TIONS; AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY TO**
 11 **WAIVE HEALTH CARE COPAYMENTS.**

12 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter III of chapter 17 of*
 13 *title 38, United States Code, is amended by inserting after*
 14 *section 1722C the following new section:*

15 **“§ 1722D. Copayments: prohibitions on collection**
 16 **under certain conditions; waiver author-**
 17 **ity**

18 *“(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsections (f)*
 19 *and (g) of section 1710 of this title, section 1722A(a) of*
 20 *this title, section 1725A of this title, or any other provision*
 21 *of law requiring an individual to make a copayment to the*
 22 *Secretary, the Secretary may not require a veteran to make*
 23 *any copayment for the receipt of hospital care or medical*
 24 *services under the laws administered by the Secretary after*
 25 *the end of the two-year period beginning on the date such*

1 *veteran received such hospital care or medical services if*
 2 *the Secretary failed to provide the veteran notice—*

3 *“(1) of the copayment within applicable timeli-*
 4 *ness standards established by the Secretary; or*

5 *“(2) that the aggregate amount of copayments*
 6 *for such care or services the veteran owes to the Sec-*
 7 *retary is greater than the dollar amount described in*
 8 *paragraph (1) of subsection (b).*

9 *“(b) DOLLAR AMOUNT DESCRIBED.—(1) The dollar*
 10 *amount described in this paragraph is \$2,000.*

11 *“(2) On the first day of each fiscal year beginning*
 12 *after the date of the enactment of the STRIVE Act of 2025,*
 13 *the Secretary shall, increase the dollar amount described in*
 14 *paragraph (1) by a percentage equal to the percentage by*
 15 *which the Consumer Price Index (all items, United States*
 16 *city average) increased during the previous fiscal year. In*
 17 *the event that such index does not increase during such pe-*
 18 *riod, the Secretary shall maintain the dollar amount in ef-*
 19 *fect under paragraph (1) during the previous fiscal year.*

20 *“(c) WAIVER AUTHORITY.—The Secretary may waive*
 21 *the requirement for a veteran to make any copayment for*
 22 *the receipt of such hospital care or medical services in any*
 23 *case in which the Secretary determines such a waiver would*
 24 *be appropriate, without regard to whether the veteran sub-*
 25 *mits to the Secretary a request for such waiver.”.*

1 (b) *CLERICAL AMENDMENT.*—*The table of sections at*
2 *the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting after*
3 *the item relating to section 1722C the following new item:*

*“1722D. Copayments: prohibition on collection of under certain conditions; waiver
authority.”.*

4 ***SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF CERTAIN LIMITS ON PAYMENTS OF***
5 ***PENSION.***

6 *Section 5503(d)(7) of title 38, United States Code, is*
7 *amended by striking “November 30, 2031” and inserting*
8 *“February 29, 2032”.*

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