

119TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 748

To amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements relating to the eligibility of veterans to receive reimbursement for emergency treatment furnished through the Veterans Community Care program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 28, 2025

Mr. BERGMAN (for himself and Mr. PAPPAS) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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 “Removing Extraneous
5 Loopholes Insuring Every Veteran Emergency Act” or the
6 “RELIEVE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR REIMBURSE-**
2 **MENT FOR EMERGENCY TREATMENT FUR-**
3 **NISHED TO VETERANS.**

4 (a) **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.**—Section
5 1725(b)(2)(B) of title 38, United States Code, is amended
6 by inserting “, unless such emergency treatment was fur-
7 nished during the 60-day period following the date on
8 which the veteran enrolled in the health care system speci-
9 fied in subparagraph (A), in which case no requirement
10 for prior receipt of care shall apply” before the period.

11 (b) **APPLICABILITY.**—The amendment made by sub-
12 section (a) shall apply with respect to emergency treat-
13 ment furnished on or after the date that is one year after
14 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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