

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 3436

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## AN ACT

To amend title 38, United States Code, to require the provision of certain services to veterans in the Freely Associated States, and for other purposes.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Caring for Veterans  
3 and Strengthening National Security Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE CERTAIN SERVICES TO**  
5 **VETERANS IN THE FREELY ASSOCIATED**  
6 **STATES.**

7 (a) **TELEHEALTH AND MAIL ORDER PHARMACY**  
8 **BENEFITS.**—Section 1724(f)(1) of title 38, United States  
9 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

10 “(C) Not later than one year after the date of the  
11 enactment of the Caring for Veterans and Strengthening  
12 National Security Act, the Secretary shall furnish to vet-  
13 erans described in subparagraph (A), subject to agree-  
14 ments described in such subparagraph, telehealth benefits  
15 and mail order pharmacy benefits.”.

16 (b) **BENEFICIARY TRAVEL.**—Section 111(h)(1) of  
17 such title is amended by striking “the Secretary may make  
18 payments” and inserting “beginning not later than one  
19 year after the date of the enactment of the Caring for  
20 Veterans and Strengthening National Security Act, the  
21 Secretary shall make payments”.

22 (c) **QUARTERLY REPORT.**—

23 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—Not less frequently than  
24 quarterly, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall  
25 submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a  
26 report on the status of implementation of the

1 amendments made by this section and the cost of  
2 such implementation.

3 (2) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS  
4 DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term “appro-  
5 priate committees of Congress” means—

6 (A) the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs  
7 and the Committee on Appropriations of the  
8 Senate; and

9 (B) the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs  
10 and the Committee on Appropriations of the  
11 House of Representatives.

12 **SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF CERTAIN LIMITS ON PAYMENTS OF**  
13 **PENSION.**

14 Section 5503(d)(7) of title 38, United States Code,  
15 is amended by striking “January 31, 2033” and inserting  
16 “March 31, 2033”.

Passed the Senate December 17, 2025.

Attest:

*Secretary.*

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