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To amend chapter 72 of title 38, United States Code, to improve the administration of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. ROCKEFELLER (by request) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 “United States Court
5 of Appeals for Veterans Claims Administration Improve-
6 ment Act of 2001”.

7 **SEC. 2. REGISTRATION FEES.**

8 (a) Section 7285(a) of title 38, United States Code,
9 is amended by adding the following sentence at the end:
10 “In order to defray the expenses of judicial conferences

1 convened pursuant to section 7286 of this title, the Court
 2 may also impose a registration fee on the active participa-
 3 tion at such conferences by persons described in that sec-
 4 tion.”.

5 (b) Section 7285(b) of such title is amended by—

6 (1) inserting “conducting investigations and
 7 proceedings, including” in paragraph (1) after
 8 “(1)”;

9 (2) inserting a comma after “counsel” in para-
 10 graph (1); and

11 (3) striking “administrative costs for the imple-
 12 mentation of the standards of proficiency prescribed
 13 for practice before the Court” in paragraph (2) and
 14 inserting in lieu thereof “the expenses of judicial
 15 conferences convened pursuant to section 7286 of
 16 this title and other activities and programs that are
 17 designed to support and foster bench and bar com-
 18 munication and relationships or the study, under-
 19 standing, public commemoration, or improvement of
 20 veterans law or of the work of the Court.”.

21 (c)(1) The heading for such section is amended by
 22 striking “**Practice fee**” and inserting in lieu thereof
 23 “**Registration fees**”.

24 (2) The table of sections at the beginning of chapter
 25 72 of such title is amended by striking “Practice fee.” and

1 inserting in lieu thereof “Registration fees.” in the item
 2 related to section 7285.

3 **SEC. 3. ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITIES.**

4 (a) Subchapter III of chapter 72 of title 38, United
 5 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 7286
 6 the following new section:

7 **“§ 7287. Administration**

8 “Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
 9 Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims may exercise, for
 10 purposes of management, administration, and expenditure
 11 of funds, the authorities provided for such purposes by
 12 any provision of law (including any limitation with respect
 13 to such provision) applicable to a court of the United
 14 States as defined in section 451 of title 28, except to the
 15 extent that such provision of law is inconsistent with a
 16 provision of this chapter.”.

17 (b) The table of sections at the beginning of such
 18 chapter is amended by inserting after the item related to
 19 section 7286 the following new item:

“7287. Administration.”.

