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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 28, 2013

Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. Moran, Mr. Isakson, and Mr. Begich) 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,
SECTION 1. EXPANSION OF EMERGENCY TREATMENT REIMBURSEMENT FOR CERTAIN VETERANS.

Section 1725(b)(2)(B) of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by inserting “(i)” after “(B)”;

(2) by striking the period at the end and inserting “; or”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(ii) the veteran was unable to receive care under this chapter within such 24-month period because of a waiting period imposed by the Department with respect to a new patient examination of such veteran.”. 