

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1564

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 16, 2017

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

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “VA Beneficiary Travel
3 Act of 2017”.

4 **SEC. 2. SPECIFICATION OF FUNDING SOURCE; CODIFICA-**
5 **TION OF SECTION 504 OF THE VETERANS’**
6 **BENEFITS IMPROVEMENTS ACT OF 1996.**

7 (a) **FUNDING CLARIFICATION.**—Section 504 of the
8 Veterans’ Benefits Improvements Act of 1996 (Public
9 Law 104–275; 38 U.S.C. 5101 note) is amended, in sub-
10 section (d), by inserting “and payments for related travel
11 and incidental expenses under section 111 of title 38,
12 United States Code,” after “under this section”.

13 (b) **CODIFICATION OF SECTION 504 OF THE VET-**
14 **ERANS’ BENEFITS IMPROVEMENTS ACT OF 1996.**—

15 (1) **CODIFICATION.**—Section 504 of the Vet-
16 erans’ Benefits Improvements Act of 1996 (Public
17 Law 104–275; 38 U.S.C. 5101 note), as amended by
18 subsection (a), is—

19 (A) transferred to chapter 51 of title 38,
20 United States Code;

21 (B) inserted after section 5109B of such
22 title; and

23 (C) redesignated as section 5109C of such
24 title.

25 (2) **CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.**—

1 (A) OBSOLETE REPORTING PROVISION.—
 2 Section 5109C of title 38, United States Code,
 3 as added by subsection (a), is amended by
 4 striking subsection (e).

5 (B) TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The table of
 6 sections at the beginning of chapter 51 of title
 7 38, United States Code, is amended by insert-
 8 ing after the item relating to section 5109B the
 9 following new item:

“5109C. Pilot program for use of contract physicians for disability examina-
 tions.”.

10 (C) SECTION HEADING TYPEFACE AND
 11 TYPESTYLE.—Section 5109C of title 38, United
 12 States Code, as added by subsection (a), is
 13 amended—

14 (i) in the enumerator, by striking
 15 “**SEC.**” and inserting “**§**”; and

16 (ii) in the section heading—

17 (I) by striking the period at the
 18 end; and

19 (II) by conforming the typeface
 20 and typestyle, including capitalization,
 21 to the typeface and typestyle as used
 22 in the section heading of section 1163
 23 of such title.