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H. R. 3812

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 6, 2025

Mr. GRAY 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 “Stop Troubling Retro-
5 active Invoices for Veteran Expenses Act of 2025” or the
6 “STRIVE Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON COLLECTION OF HEALTH CARE**
2 **COPAYMENTS BY THE SECRETARY OF VET-**
3 **ERANS AFFAIRS UNDER CERTAIN CONDI-**
4 **TIONS; AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY TO**
5 **WAIVE HEALTH CARE COPAYMENTS.**

6 Section 1730A of title 38, United States Code, is
7 amended—

8 (1) by striking the heading and inserting
9 **“Prohibitions on collection of copayments**
10 **under certain conditions”**;

11 (2) in subsection (a)—

12 (A) in the heading, by striking “PROHIBI-

13 TION” and inserting “PROHIBITIONS”; and

14 (B) by striking “the Secretary may not re-

15 quire” and all that follows through the end of

16 the subsection and inserting the following: “the

17 Secretary may not require—

18 “(1) a covered veteran to make any copayment

19 for the receipt of hospital care or medical services

20 under the laws administered by the Secretary;

21 “(2) any veteran to make any copayment for

22 the receipt of such hospital care or medical services

23 after the end of the two-year period beginning on

24 the date such veteran received such hospital care or

25 medical services if the failure of the veteran to make

26 such copayment during such period is attributable to

1 the failure of an employee, official, or information
2 system of the Department to process information
3 provided by or on behalf of the veteran within appli-
4 cable timeliness standards established by the Sec-
5 retary; or

6 “(3) any veteran to make a copayment in an
7 amount that exceeds \$2,000 for the receipt of such
8 hospital care or medical services if the amount of
9 such copayment is attributable to an error on the
10 part of an employee, official, or information system
11 of the Department.”;

12 (3) by redesignating subsection (b) as sub-
13 section (c); and

14 (4) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-
15 lowing new subsection:

16 “(b) WAIVER AUTHORITY.—The Secretary may
17 waive the requirement for a veteran to make any copay-
18 ment for the receipt of such hospital care or medical serv-
19 ices in any case in which the Secretary determines such
20 a waiver would be appropriate, without regard to whether
21 the veteran submits to the Secretary a request for such
22 waiver.”.

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