

105TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2572

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 29, 1997

Mr. EVANS (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, Mr. MASCARA, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, and Mr. FILNER) 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. CAP ON ATTORNEYS FEES IN PAST-DUE BENE-**
4 **FIT AWARDS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5704(d)(3) of title 38,
6 United States Code, is amended in the first sentence by
7 striking “may direct” and inserting “shall direct”.

1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
2 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to past-due benefits
3 awarded under such title on or after the date of the enact-
4 ment of this Act.

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