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# S. 1391

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 19, 1999

Mr. INOUE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## 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 “Filipino Veterans’ Ben-  
5       efits Improvements Act of 1999”.

### 6   **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN RATE OF PAYMENT OF CERTAIN BEN-**

7                       **EFITS TO VETERANS OF THE PHILIPPINE**  
8                       **COMMONWEALTH ARMY.**

9       (a) INCREASE.—Section 107 of title 38, United  
10      States Code, is amended—

1           (1) by striking “Payment” in the second sen-  
 2           tence of subsection (a) and inserting “Except as pro-  
 3           vided in subsection (c), payment”; and

4           (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
 5           section:

6           “(c) In the case of benefits under subchapters II and  
 7           IV of chapter 11 of this title by reason of service described  
 8           in subsection (a)—

9           “(1) notwithstanding the second sentence of  
 10          subsection (a), payment of such benefits shall be  
 11          made in dollars at the rate of \$1.00 for each dollar  
 12          authorized; and

13          “(2) such benefits shall be paid only to an indi-  
 14          vidual residing in the United States who is a citizen  
 15          of, or an alien lawfully admitted for permanent resi-  
 16          dence in, the United States.”.

17          (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
 18          subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of the enact-  
 19          ment of this Act, and shall apply to benefits paid for  
 20          months beginning on or after that date.

21       **SEC. 3. ELIGIBILITY FOR HEALTH CARE OF CERTAIN ADDI-**  
 22       **TIONAL FILIPINO WORLD WAR II VETERANS.**

23          The text of section 1734 of title 38, United States  
 24          Code, is amended to read as follows:

1       “The Secretary, within the limits of Department fa-  
 2       cilities, shall furnish hospital and nursing home care and  
 3       medical services to Commonwealth Army veterans and  
 4       new Philippine Scouts in the same manner as provided  
 5       for under section 1710 of this title.”.

6       **SEC. 4. MANDATE TO PROVIDE HEALTH CARE FOR WORLD**  
 7                               **WAR II VETERANS RESIDING IN THE PHIL-**  
 8                               **IPPINES.**

9       (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter IV of chapter 17 of  
 10      title 38, United States Code, is amended—

11               (1) by redesignating section 1735 as section  
 12               1736; and

13               (2) by inserting after section 1734 the following  
 14               new section:

15      **“§ 1735. Outpatient care and services for World War**  
 16                               **II veterans residing in the Philippines**

17               “(a) OUTPATIENT HEALTH CARE.—The Secretary  
 18      shall furnish care and services to veterans, Commonwealth  
 19      Army veterans, and new Philippine Scouts for the treat-  
 20      ment of the service-connected disabilities and non-service-  
 21      connected disabilities of such veterans and scouts residing  
 22      in the Republic of the Philippines on an outpatient basis  
 23      at the Manila VA Outpatient Clinic.

1       “(b) LIMITATIONS.—(1) The amount expended by  
 2 the Secretary for the purpose of subsection (a) in any fis-  
 3 cal year may not exceed \$500,000.

4       “(2) The authority of the Secretary to furnish care  
 5 and services under subsection (a) is effective in any fiscal  
 6 year only to the extent that appropriations are available  
 7 for that purpose.”.

8       (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
 9 at the beginning of chapter 17 of such title is amended  
 10 by striking the item relating to section 1735 and inserting  
 11 after the item relating to section 1734 the following new  
 12 items:

“1735. Outpatient care and services for World War II veterans residing in the  
 Philippines.

“1736. Definitions.”.

13       (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
 14 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of the enact-  
 15 ment of this Act.

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