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H. R. 3947

To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that monetary benefits paid to veterans by States and municipalities shall be excluded from consideration as income for purposes of pension benefits paid by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CROWLEY (for himself, Mr. EVANS, Mr. SANDLIN, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mr. CLAY, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. FROST, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. BISHOP of New York, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. OWENS, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. WEINER, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. McNULTY, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. NADLER, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. McHUGH, Mr. GORDON, Mr. ISRAEL, and Mr. REYNOLDS) 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 “Veterans Pensions Protec-
5 tion Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXCLUSION OF CERTAIN AMOUNTS FROM CONSID-**
2 **ERATION AS INCOME FOR PURPOSES OF VET-**
3 **ERANS PENSION BENEFITS.**

4 (a) EXCLUSION.—Section 1503(a) of title 38, United
5 States Code, is amended—

6 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph
7 (9);

8 (2) by redesignating paragraph (10) as para-
9 graph (11); and

10 (3) by inserting after paragraph (9) the fol-
11 lowing new paragraph (10):

12 “(10) payment of a monetary amount to a vet-
13 eran from a State or municipality that is paid as a
14 veterans’ benefit; and”.

15 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
16 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to determinations
17 of income for calendar years beginning after the date of
18 the enactment of this Act.

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