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H. R. 1188

To amend title 10, United States Code, to support disabled veterans by extending military commissary and exchange store privileges to such veterans and their dependents and by authorizing space-available travel on military aircraft for such veterans and their dependents.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 9, 2005

Mr. FILNER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Armed Services

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 “Disabled Veterans
5 Right to Commissaries and Space Available Travel Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. COMMISSARY AND EXCHANGE STORE PRIVILEGES**
2 **FOR DISABLED VETERANS AND THEIR DE-**
3 **PENDENTS.**

4 (a) EXTENSION OF PRIVILEGES.—Chapter 54 of title
5 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end
6 the following new section:

7 **“§ 1065. Use of commissary and exchange stores: dis-**
8 **abled veterans and their dependents**

9 “(a) DISABLED VETERANS.—A veteran with a serv-
10 ice-connected disability rated by the Secretary of Veterans
11 Affairs at 30 percent or more shall be permitted to use
12 commissary and exchange stores on the same basis as a
13 member of the armed forces entitled to retired or retainer
14 pay.

15 “(b) DEPENDENTS.—A dependent of a veteran de-
16 scribed in subsection (a) shall be permitted to use com-
17 missary and exchange stores on the same basis as a de-
18 pendent of a member of the armed forces entitled to re-
19 tired or retainer pay.

20 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms ‘vet-
21 eran’ and ‘service-connected’ have the meanings given
22 those terms in section 101 of title 38.”.

23 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
24 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding
25 at the end the following new item:

“1065. Use of commissary and exchange stores: disabled veterans and their dependents.”.

1 **SEC. 3. TRANSPORTATION ON MILITARY AIRCRAFT ON A**
 2 **SPACE-AVAILABLE BASIS FOR DISABLED VET-**
 3 **ERANS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS.**

4 (a) AVAILABILITY OF TRANSPORTATION.—Chapter
 5 157 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by insert-
 6 ing after section 2641a the following new section:

7 **“§ 2641b. Space-available travel on Department of De-**
 8 **fense aircraft: disabled veterans and**
 9 **their dependents**

10 “(a) DISABLED VETERANS.—The Secretary of De-
 11 fense shall provide transportation on Department of De-
 12 fense aircraft on a space-available basis for any veteran
 13 with a service-connected disability rated by the Secretary
 14 of Veterans Affairs at 50 percent or more on the same
 15 basis as such transportation is provided to members of the
 16 armed forces entitled to retired or retainer pay.

17 “(b) DEPENDENTS.—A dependent of a veteran de-
 18 scribed in subsection (a) shall be permitted to travel on
 19 Department of Defense aircraft on a space-available basis
 20 on the same basis as a dependent of a member of the
 21 armed forces entitled to retired pay or retainer pay.

22 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms ‘vet-
 23 eran’ and ‘service-connected’ have the meanings given
 24 those terms in section 101 of title 38.”.

1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
2 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting
3 after the item relating to section 2641a the following new
4 item:

“2641b. Space-available travel on Department of Defense aircraft: disabled veterans and their dependents.”.

5 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

6 Sections 1065 and 2641b of title 10, United States
7 Code, as added by this Act, shall take effect at the end
8 of the 90-day period beginning on the date of the enact-
9 ment of this Act.

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