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# H. R. 1591

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 18, 2009

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. KLEIN of Florida, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. NYE, Mr. MITCHELL, and Mr. MICHAUD) introduced the following bill; which was 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 “Fulfilling America’s  
5 Promise to Our Veterans Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CLARIFICATION THAT THE UNITED STATES MAY**  
2 **NOT RECOVER CHARGES FROM A THIRD**  
3 **PARTY FOR TREATMENT OF VETERANS'**  
4 **SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITIES.**

5 Section 1729 of title 38, United States Code, is  
6 amended——

7 (1) by redesignating subsection (i) as subsection  
8 (k); and

9 (2) by inserting after subsection (h) the fol-  
10 lowing new subsection (i):

11 “(i) In any case in which a veteran is furnished care  
12 or services under this chapter for a service-connected dis-  
13 ability, the United States has no right to recover or collect  
14 any charges for such care or services from any third  
15 party.”.

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