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H. R. 3283

To amend title 38, United States Code, to allow for reimbursement of certain travel at a set rate, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RODRIGUEZ 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. TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT FOR VETERANS RE-**
4 **CEIVING TREATMENT AT FACILITIES OF THE**
5 **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 111 of title 38, United
7 States Code, is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “traveled,”
9 and inserting “(at a rate of 41.5 cents per mile),”;
10 and

1 (2) by amending subsection (g) to read as fol-
2 lows:

3 “(g) Not later than December 1 of each year, the Sec-
4 retary shall submit to Congress a report on the amount
5 of travel expenses paid by the Secretary under this section
6 during the preceding fiscal year.”.

7 (b) CLARIFICATION OF RELATION TO PUBLIC
8 TRANSPORTATION IN VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRA-
9 TION HANDBOOK.—Not later than 30 days after the date
10 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans
11 Affairs shall revise the Veterans Health Administration
12 Handbook to clarify that an allowance for travel based on
13 mileage paid under section 111(a) of title 38, United
14 States Code, may exceed the cost of such travel by public
15 transportation regardless of medical necessity.

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