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S. 821

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SANDERS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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. PROHIBITION ON COLLECTION OF CERTAIN**
4 **COPAYMENTS FROM VETERANS WHO ARE**
5 **CATASTROPHICALLY DISABLED.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1710 of title 38, United
7 States Code, is amended—

1 (1) by redesignating subsection (h) as sub-
2 section (i); and

3 (2) by inserting after subsection (g) the fol-
4 lowing new subsection (h):

5 “(h) Notwithstanding any other provision of this sec-
6 tion, a veteran who is catastrophically disabled shall not
7 be required to make any payment otherwise required
8 under subsection (f) or (g) for the receipt of hospital care
9 or nursing home care under this section.”.

10 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsection (h) of section
11 1710 of title 38, United States Code, as added by sub-
12 section (a), shall apply with respect to hospital care or
13 nursing home care provided after the date of the enact-
14 ment of this Act.

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