

112TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 2128

To amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to clarify that all veterans programs are exempt from sequestration, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 17, 2012

Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. BEGICH, and Mrs. SHAHEEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Budget

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 “Protecting the Health
5 Care of Veterans Act of 2012”.

6 **SEC. 2. CLARIFICATION OF EXEMPTION FOR ALL VET-**
7 **ERANS PROGRAMS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 256(e)(2) of the Balanced
9 Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2

1 U.S.C. 906(e)(2)) is amended by striking subparagraph
2 (E) (relating to veterans' medical care).

3 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The subsection head-
4 ing of section 256(e) of such Act (2 U.S.C. 906(e)) is
5 amended by striking “, INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES AND
6 FACILITIES, AND VETERANS' MEDICAL CARE” and insert-
7 ing “AND INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES AND FACILITIES”.

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