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S. 2596

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 25, 2016

Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mr. TESTER) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. TRANSPORTATION ON MILITARY AIRCRAFT ON**
2 **A SPACE-AVAILABLE BASIS FOR DISABLED**
3 **VETERANS WITH A SERVICE-CONNECTED,**
4 **PERMANENT DISABILITY RATED AS TOTAL.**

5 (a) AVAILABILITY OF TRANSPORTATION.—Section
6 2641b of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

7 (1) by redesignating subsection (f) as sub-
8 section (g); and

9 (2) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-
10 lowing:

11 “(f) SPECIAL PRIORITY FOR CERTAIN DISABLED
12 VETERANS.—(1) The Secretary of Defense shall provide
13 transportation on scheduled and unscheduled military
14 flights within the continental United States and on sched-
15 uled overseas flights operated by the Air Mobility Com-
16 mand on a space-available basis for any veteran with a
17 service-connected, permanent disability rated as total.

18 “(2) Notwithstanding subsection (d)(1), in estab-
19 lishing space-available transportation priorities under the
20 travel program, the Secretary shall provide transportation
21 under paragraph (1) on the same basis as such transpor-
22 tation is provided to members of the armed forces entitled
23 to retired or retainer pay.

24 “(3) The requirement to provide transportation on
25 Department of Defense aircraft on a space-available basis
26 on the priority basis described in paragraph (2) to vet-

1 erans covered by this subsection applies whether or not
2 the travel program is established under this section.

3 “(4) In this subsection, the terms ‘veteran’ and ‘serv-
4 ice-connected’ have the meanings given those terms in sec-
5 tion 101 of title 38.”.

6 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Section 2641b(f) of title 10,
7 United States Code, as added by subsection (a)(2), shall
8 take effect at the end of the 90-day period beginning on
9 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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