

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4908

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 23, 2020

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

AN ACT

To amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the collection of a health care copayment by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from a veteran who is a member of an Indian tribe.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Native American Vet-
3 eran Parity in Access to Care Today Act” or “Native
4 American PACT Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON COLLECTION OF A HEALTH CARE**
6 **COPAYMENT BY THE SECRETARY OF VET-**
7 **ERANS AFFAIRS FROM A VETERAN WHO IS A**
8 **MEMBER OF AN INDIAN TRIBE.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1730A of title 38, United
10 States Code, is amended—

11 (1) in the heading, by striking “**catastroph-**
12 **ically disabled**” and inserting “**certain**”;

13 (2) by inserting “(a) PROHIBITION.—” before
14 “Notwithstanding”;

15 (3) by striking “a veteran who is catastroph-
16 ically disabled, as defined by the Secretary,” and in-
17 serting “a covered veteran”; and

18 (4) by adding at the end the following new sub-
19 section:

20 “(b) COVERED VETERAN DEFINED.—In this section,
21 the term ‘covered veteran’ means a veteran who—

22 “(1) is catastrophically disabled, as defined by
23 the Secretary; or

24 “(2) is an Indian or urban Indian, as those
25 terms are defined in section 4 of the Indian Health

1 Care Improvement Act (Public Law 94–437; 25
2 U.S.C. 1603).”.

3 (b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
4 at the beginning of chapter 17 of such title is amended
5 by striking the item relating to section 1730A and insert-
6 ing the following:

“1730A. Prohibition on collection of copayments from certain veterans.”.

7 (c) DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments
8 made by this section shall take effect on the day that is
9 one year after the date of the enactment of this Act.

Passed the House of Representatives September 22,
2020.

Attest: CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk.