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S. 2392

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 31, 2019

Mr. CRAMER (for himself and Ms. ROSEN) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Veterans Reimburse-
5 ment for Emergency Ambulance Services Act” or the
6 “VREASA”.

1 **SEC. 2. REIMBURSEMENT BY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS**
2 **AFFAIRS FOR EMERGENCY AMBULANCE**
3 **SERVICES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1725(c) of title 38,
5 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
6 following new paragraph:

7 “(5) In delineating under paragraph (1)(B) the cir-
8 cumstances under which reimbursement may be made
9 under this section for ambulance services for an individual,
10 the Secretary shall treat such services as emergency serv-
11 ices for which reimbursement may be made under this sec-
12 tion if the Secretary determines that the request for ambu-
13 lance services was made as a result of the sudden onset
14 of a medical condition of such a nature that a prudent
15 layperson who possesses an average knowledge of health
16 and medicine—

17 “(A) would have reasonably expected that a
18 delay in seeking immediate medical attention would
19 have been hazardous to the life or health of the indi-
20 vidual; or

21 “(B) could reasonably expect the absence of im-
22 mediate medical attention to result in placing the
23 health of the individual in serious jeopardy, the seri-
24 ous impairment of bodily functions, or the serious
25 dysfunction of any bodily organ or part.”.

1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
2 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to ambulance serv-
3 ices provided on or after the date of the enactment of this
4 Act.

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