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H. R. 5957

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 7, 2025

Mr. KEAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Connecting Veterans
5 to Care Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. ASSISTANCE FOR OPERATING COSTS FOR PUBLIC**
2 **TRANSPORTATION THAT SERVICES DEPART-**
3 **MENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL FA-**
4 **CILITIES.**

5 Section 5307 of title 49, United States Code, is
6 amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a)(1)(D) by striking “public
8 transportation in an urbanized area” and all that
9 follows through the period at the end and inserting
10 the following: “public transportation—

11 “(i) in an urbanized area with a popu-
12 lation of fewer than 200,000 individuals,
13 as determined by the Bureau of the Cen-
14 sus; or

15 “(ii) that services a Department of
16 Veterans Affairs medical facility.”;

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

19 (3) by inserting after subsection (g) the fol-
20 lowing:

21 “(h) CERTIFICATION OF USE OF CERTAIN FUNDS.—

22 “(1) CERTIFICATION.—The recipient of finan-
23 cial assistance described in subsection (a)(1)(D)(ii)
24 shall, not later than the 30 days after the date on
25 which the recipient first receives grant funds under
26 this section, and each year thereafter, submit to the

1 Secretary a certification that the operating costs will
2 be used to provide public transportation that serv-
3 ices a Department of Veterans Affairs medical facil-
4 ity.

5 “(2) PENALTY.—If the Secretary finds that a
6 recipient failed to provide transportation as certified
7 to under paragraph (1) during a fiscal year, the Sec-
8 retary shall suspend assistance provided under this
9 section for such operating costs.”.

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