

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 4908**

OFFERED BY MS. Brownley

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

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

1 (4) by adding at the end the following new sub-
2 section:

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

5 “(1) is catastrophically disabled, as defined by
6 the Secretary; or

7 “(2) is an Indian or urban Indian, as those
8 terms are defined in section 4 of the Indian Health
9 Care Improvement Act (Public Law 94–437; 25
10 U.S.C. 1603).”.

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

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

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

