

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 3400**

OFFERED BY Ms. King-Hinds

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “the Territorial Re-
3 sponse and Access to Veterans’ Essential Lifecare Act”
4 or the “TRAVEL Act of 2025”.

**5 SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS ASSIGNMENT OF
6 TRAVELING PHYSICIANS TO SERVE TERRI-
7 TORIES AND POSSESSIONS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 74 of title
9 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end
10 the following new section:

11 “§ 7415. Traveling physicians

12 “(a) IN GENERAL.—(1) The Secretary may assign a
13 physician appointed under section 7401 or section 7431
14 of this title to serve as a traveling physician for a period
15 of not more than one year at a time. A physician assigned
16 to serve as a traveling physician under this section may
17 be assigned to provide health care to veterans residing in
18 American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the North-

ern Mariana Islands, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico,
the Virgin Islands of the United States, or any other territory or possession of the United States at Department facilities or other approved facilities located in such territory or possession.

“(2) The Secretary may assign multiple physicians to serve as traveling physicians under this section and may assign each such physician to serve in a specific territory or possession.

“(b) COORDINATION OF CARE.—In providing care under this section, traveling physicians shall coordinate with non-Department medical providers to the extent practicable and necessary to ensure high quality and coordinated care for veterans receiving hospital care and medical services.

“(c) PAY.—In addition to pay under section 7431 of this title, the Secretary shall provide a relocation or retention bonus to traveling physicians under this section. Such relocation or retention bonus shall be substantially similar to a relocation or retention bonus offered under section 7410(a) of this title, as the Secretary considers appropriate.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting

1 after the item relating to section 7414 the following new
2 item:

“7415. Traveling physicians.”.

3 (c) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—
4 Title 38, United States Code, is further amended as fol-
5 lows:

6 (1) In section 7410(a)(1), by—

7 (A) by striking “retention allowances” and
8 inserting “retention bonuses”; and

9 (B) by striking the second comma after
10 “section 7401(1) of this title”; and

11 (2) In section 7431(e)(5)(B), by striking “re-
12 tention allowances” and inserting “retention bo-
13 nuses”.

