

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 3812
OFFERED BY Ms. Ramirez

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Stop Troubling Retro-
3 active Invoices for Veteran Expenses Act of 2025” or the
4 “STRIVE Act of 2025”.

5 SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON COLLECTION OF HEALTH CARE
6 COPAYMENTS BY THE SECRETARY OF VET-
7 ERANS AFFAIRS UNDER CERTAIN CONDI-
8 TIONS; AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY TO
9 WAIVE HEALTH CARE COPAYMENTS.

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter III of chapter 17 of
11 title 38, United States Code, is amended by inserting after
12 section 1722C the following new section:

13 “§ 1722D. Copayments: prohibitions on collection
14 under certain conditions; waiver author-
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16 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsections (f)
17 and (g) of section 1710 of this title, section 1722A(a) of
18 this title, section 1725A of this title, or any other provision

1 of law requiring an individual to make a copayment to the
2 Secretary, the Secretary may not require a veteran to
3 make any copayment for the receipt of hospital care or
4 medical services under the laws administered by the Sec-
5 retary after the end of the two-year period beginning on
6 the date such veteran received such hospital care or med-
7 ical services if the Secretary failed to provide the veteran
8 notice—

9 “(1) of the copayment within applicable timeli-
10 ness standards established by the Secretary; or

11 “(2) that the aggregate amount of copayments
12 for such care or services the veteran owes to the
13 Secretary is greater than the dollar amount de-
14 scribed in paragraph (1) of subsection (b).

15 “(b) DOLLAR AMOUNT DESCRIBED.—(1) The dollar
16 amount described in this paragraph is \$2,000.

17 “(2) On the first day of each fiscal year beginning
18 after the date of the enactment of the STRIVE Act of
19 2025, the Secretary shall, increase the dollar amount de-
20 scribed in paragraph (1) by a percentage equal to the per-
21 centage by which the Consumer Price Index (all items,
22 United States city average) increased during the previous
23 fiscal year. In the event that such index does not increase
24 during such period, the Secretary shall maintain the dollar

1 amount in effect under paragraph (1) during the previous
2 fiscal year.

3 “(c) WAIVER AUTHORITY.—The Secretary may waive
4 the requirement for a veteran to make any copayment for
5 the receipt of such hospital care or medical services in any
6 case in which the Secretary determines such a waiver
7 would be appropriate, without regard to whether the vet-
8 eran submits to the Secretary a request for such waiver.”.

9 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
10 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting
11 after the item relating to section 1722C the following new
12 item:

“1722D. Copayments: prohibition on collection of under certain conditions.”.

13 **SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF CERTAIN LIMITS ON PAYMENTS OF**
14 **PENSION.**

15 Section 5503(d)(7) of title 38, United States Code,
16 is amended by striking “November 30, 2031” and insert-
17 ing “February 29, 2032”.

