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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

A BILL

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tain health services to veterans in the Freely Associated
States, and for other purposes.

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 “U.S. Vets of the FAS
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT TO FURNISH CERTAIN HEALTH**
2 **SERVICES TO VETERANS IN THE FREELY AS-**
3 **SOCIATED STATES.**

4 (a) **AGREEMENTS REQUIRED.**—Consistent with sec-
5 tion 1724(f) of title 38, United States Code, and section
6 209(a)(4)(A) of the Compact of Free Association Amend-
7 ments Act of 2024 (48 U.S.C. 1988(a)(4)(A)), the Sec-
8 retary of Veterans Affairs shall work expeditiously with
9 the governments of the Freely Associated States to enter
10 into the agreements described in such sections.

11 (b) **INCLUSION OF TELEHEALTH AND MAIL ORDER**
12 **PHARMACY SERVICES REQUIRED.**—Consistent with such
13 sections and with the agreements required by subsection
14 (a), the Secretary shall furnish to veterans in the Freely
15 Associated States services that include, at a minimum—

16 (1) medical services authorized to be provided
17 under chapter 17 of title 38, United States Code,
18 which can be administered through telehealth; and

19 (2) pharmaceutical products authorized to be
20 provided under such chapter, delivered by mail.

21 (c) **IMPLEMENTATION DATES.**—In carrying out sub-
22 sections (a) and (b), the Secretary shall, to the maximum
23 extent practicable—

24 (1) initiate outreach to each such government
25 not later than 30 days after the date of the enact-
26 ment of this Act;

1 (2) enter into each agreement required by sub-
2 section (a) not later than one year after the date of
3 the enactment of this Act; and

4 (3) begin furnishing the services required by
5 paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (b) not later
6 than one year after the date of the enactment of this
7 Act.

8 (d) BENEFICIARY TRAVEL.—Section 111(h)(1) of
9 title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking “the
10 Secretary may make payments” and inserting “beginning
11 not later than one year after the date of the enactment
12 of the U.S. Vets of the FAS Act, the Secretary shall make
13 payments”.

14 (e) REPORTS.—Not less frequently than quarterly,
15 the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate committees
16 of Congress a report on the implementation of this section
17 and the cost of such implementation. Until the Secretary
18 has entered into the agreements required by subsection (a)
19 and begun furnishing the services required by paragraphs
20 (1) and (2) of subsection (b), the report shall also describe
21 the technical and logistical factors that have prevented or
22 impeded the Secretary from doing so.

23 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
2 GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-
3 gress” means—

4 (A) the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs
5 and the Committee on Appropriations of the
6 Senate; and

7 (B) the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs
8 and the Committee on Appropriations of the
9 House of Representatives.

10 (2) FREELY ASSOCIATED STATES.—The term
11 “Freely Associated States” has the meaning given
12 such term in section 1724(f) of title 38, United
13 States Code.

14 **SEC. 3. ASSIGNMENT OF TRAVELING PHYSICIANS TO SERVE**
15 **VETERANS IN FREELY ASSOCIATED STATES.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 74 of title
17 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end
18 the following new section:

19 **“§ 7415. Traveling physicians for veterans in Freely**
20 **Associated States**

21 “The Secretary may assign a physician appointed
22 under section 7401 of this title to serve as a traveling phy-
23 sician for a period of not more than one year. A traveling
24 physician shall provide health care to veterans residing in

1 the Freely Associated States (as defined in section 1724(f)
2 of this title).”.

3 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
4 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting
5 after the item relating to section 7414 the following new
6 item:

“7415. Traveling physicians for veterans in Freely Associated States.”.

7 **SEC. 4. EXTENSION OF CERTAIN LIMITS ON PAYMENT OF**
8 **PENSION.**

9 Section 5503(d)(7) of title 38, United States Code,
10 is amended by striking “January 31, 2033” and inserting
11 “November 30, 2033”.