

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 1774
OFFERED BY MR. MURPHY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “VA Emergency Trans-
3 portation Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS REIMBURSE-**
5 **MENT OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPOR-**
6 **TATION.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1725 of title 38, United
8 States Code, is amended—

9 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**emer-**
10 **gency treatment**” and inserting “**emergency**
11 **services**”;

12 (2) by striking “the emergency treatment” each
13 place it appears and inserting “such emergency serv-
14 ices”;

15 (3) by striking “such treatment” each place it
16 appears and inserting “such emergency services”;

17 (4) by striking “that treatment” each place it
18 appears and inserting “such emergency services”;

1 (5) by striking “the treatment” each place it
2 appears and inserting “such emergency services”;

3 (6) by striking “in a non-Department facility”
4 each place it appears;

5 (7) by striking “same treatment” and inserting
6 “same emergency services”;

7 (8) in subsection (a)(2)—

8 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph
9 (A), by striking “subsection (a)(1)” and insert-
10 ing “paragraph (1)”; and

11 (B) in subparagraph (A), by striking
12 “health care”;

13 (9) in subsections (a) through (d), as amended
14 by the preceding paragraphs, by striking “emergency
15 treatment” each place it appears and inserting
16 “emergency services”;

17 (10) in subsection (b)(3)(B), by striking
18 “(h)(2)(B) or (h)(2)(C)” and inserting “(h)(4)(B) or
19 (h)(4)(C)”;

20 (11) in subsection (f)—

21 (A) by striking “treatment provided” and
22 inserting “emergency services furnished”; and

23 (B) by striking “was provided” and insert-
24 ing “were furnished”;

1 (12) in subsection (g), by striking “for emer-
2 gency treatment” and inserting “for emergency serv-
3 ices”; and

4 (13) in subsection (h)—

5 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (1), (2),
6 and (3) as paragraphs (3), (4), and (5), respec-
7 tively; and

8 (B) by inserting before paragraph (3), as
9 so redesignated, the following new paragraphs
10 (1) and (2):

11 “(1) The term ‘emergency services’ includes
12 emergency treatment and emergency transportation.

13 “(2) The term ‘emergency transportation’
14 means transportation of a veteran by ambulance or
15 air ambulance by a non-Department provider—

16 “(A) to a facility for emergency treatment,
17 even if such treatment is not provided at such
18 facility; or

19 “(B) from a non-Department facility where
20 such veteran received emergency treatment—

21 “(i) to a Department facility, a non-
22 Department facility authorized by the Sec-
23 retary to provide additional treatment or
24 care, or another Federal facility; and

1 “(ii) at a time described in paragraph
2 (3)(C).”.

3 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

4 (1) DEFINITION OF EMERGENCY TREAT-
5 MENT.—Section 1728(d) of such title is amended by
6 striking “1725(h)(1)” and inserting “1725(h)(3)”.

7 (2) TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The table of sections
8 at the beginning of chapter 17 of such title is
9 amended by striking the item relating to section
10 1725 and inserting the following new item:

“1725. Reimbursement for emergency services.”.

