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H. R. 8481

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 21, 2024

Mr. MAST (for himself, Mr. BILIRAKIS, and Mr. GOSAR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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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 “Emergency Commu-
5 nity Care Notification Time Adjustment Act of 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENDED DEADLINE RELATING TO EMERGENCY**
2 **TREATMENT IN NON-DEPARTMENT OF VET-**
3 **ERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL FACILITIES.**

4 (a) **EXTENDED DEADLINE.**—Section 1703(a)(3) of
5 title 38, United States Code, is amended—

6 (1) by striking “A covered veteran” and insert-
7 ing “(A) A covered veteran”; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
9 paragraph:

10 “(B) In the case of an emergency which existed at
11 the time of admission of a covered veteran to a health care
12 provider, the Secretary shall deem any care or services re-
13 ceived by the veteran during the period beginning at the
14 time of such admission and ending at the time of dis-
15 charge from the facility at which such care or services
16 were furnished to be authorized under subparagraph (A)
17 if the covered veteran (or an individual acting on behalf
18 of the covered veteran) submits an application for such
19 authorization by a deadline that the Secretary determines
20 appropriate for purposes of this paragraph, except that
21 such deadline may not be earlier than 72 hours following
22 such discharge.”.

23 (b) **APPLICABILITY.**—The amendments made by sub-
24 section (a) shall apply with respect to admissions occur-
25 ring on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.