

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 of this title to
14 serve as a traveling physician for a period of not more
15 than one year. A physician assigned to serve as a traveling
16 physician under this section shall be assigned to provide
17 health care to veterans residing in American Samoa,
18 Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Is-

1 lands, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Is-
2 lands of the United States, or any other territory or pos-
3 session of the United States at Department facilities lo-
4 cated in such territory or possession.

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

9 “(b) COORDINATION OF CARE.—In providing care
10 under this section, traveling physicians shall coordinate
11 with non-Department medical providers to the extent nec-
12 essary to ensure high quality and coordinated care for vet-
13 erans receiving hospital care and medical services.

14 “(c) PAY.—In addition to pay under section 7431 of
15 this title, the Secretary shall provide a relocation or reten-
16 tion bonus to traveling physicians under this section. A
17 relocation or retention bonus under this subsection shall
18 be substantially similar to a relocation or retention bonus
19 offered under section 7410(a) of this title, as the Sec-
20 retary considers appropriate.”.

21 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
22 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting
23 after the item relating to section 7414 the following new
24 item:

“7415. Traveling physicians.”.

