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119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the eligibility of veterans with service-connected disabilities who reside in certain territories or the Freely Associated States for payments or allowances for beneficiary travel.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M____. _____ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. EXPANSION OF ELIGIBILITY OF VETERANS**
2 **WITH SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITIES**
3 **WHO RESIDE IN CERTAIN TERRITORIES OR**
4 **THE FREELY ASSOCIATED STATES FOR PAY-**
5 **MENTS OR ALLOWANCES FOR BENEFICIARY**
6 **TRAVEL.**

7 Section 111(b) of title 38, United States Code, is
8 amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (1)(B)—

10 (A) by striking “rated at 30 percent or
11 more.” and inserting an em dash; and

12 (B) by adding at the end the following new
13 clauses:

14 “(i) rated at 30 percent or more; or

15 “(ii) without regard to rating in the case
16 of a veteran who resides in a covered jurisdic-
17 tion in which no medical facility of the Depart-
18 ment is located.”; and

19 (2) by adding at the end the following new
20 paragraph:

21 “(5) In this subsection:

22 “(A) The term ‘covered jurisdiction’ means a
23 territory or the Freely Associated States.

24 “(B) The term ‘Freely Associated States’ has
25 the meaning given such term in subsection (h).

1 “(C) The term ‘territory’ has the meaning given
2 such term in section 5 of the Puerto Rico Oversight,
3 Management, and Economic Stability Act (Public
4 Law 114–187; 48 U.S.C. 2104).”.