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119TH CONGRESS
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H. R. _____

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Stop Troubling Retro-
3 active Invoices for Veteran Expenses Act of 2025” or the
4 “STRIVE Act of 2025”.

5 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON COLLECTION OF HEALTH CARE**
6 **COPAYMENTS BY THE SECRETARY OF VET-**
7 **ERANS AFFAIRS UNDER CERTAIN CONDI-**
8 **TIONS; AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY TO**
9 **WAIVE HEALTH CARE COPAYMENTS.**

10 Section 1730A of title 38, United States Code, is
11 amended—

12 (1) by striking the heading and inserting
13 **“Prohibitions on collection of copayments**
14 **under certain conditions”**;

15 (2) in subsection (a)—

16 (A) in the heading, by striking “PROHIBI-
17 TION” and inserting “PROHIBITIONS”; and

18 (B) by striking “the Secretary may not re-
19 quire” and all that follows through the end of
20 the subsection and inserting the following: “the
21 Secretary may not require—

22 “(1) a covered veteran to make any copayment
23 for the receipt of hospital care or medical services
24 under the laws administered by the Secretary;

25 “(2) any veteran to make any copayment for
26 the receipt of such hospital care or medical services

1 after the end of the two-year period beginning on
2 the date such veteran received such hospital care or
3 medical services if the failure of the veteran to make
4 such copayment during such period is attributable to
5 the failure of an employee, official, or information
6 system of the Department to process information
7 provided by or on behalf of the veteran within appli-
8 cable timeliness standards established by the Sec-
9 retary; or

10 “(3) any veteran to make a copayment in an
11 amount that exceeds \$2,000 for the receipt of such
12 hospital care or medical services if the amount of
13 such copayment is attributable to an error on the
14 part of an employee, official, or information system
15 of the Department.”;

16 (3) by redesignating subsection (b) as sub-
17 section (c); and

18 (4) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-
19 lowing new subsection:

20 “(b) WAIVER AUTHORITY.—The Secretary may
21 waive the requirement for a veteran to make any copay-
22 ment for the receipt of such hospital care or medical serv-
23 ices in any case in which the Secretary determines such
24 a waiver would be appropriate, without regard to whether

1 the veteran submits to the Secretary a request for such
2 waiver.”.