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# H. R. 4908

To amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the collection of a health care copayment by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from a veteran who is a member of an Indian tribe.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 29, 2019

Mr. GALLEGRO (for himself, Mr. COOK, Ms. HAALAND, Mr. COLE, Mr. KHANNA, and Mr. GRIJALVA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## 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 “Native American Vet-  
5 eran Parity in Access to Care Today Act” or “Native  
6 American PACT Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON COLLECTION OF A HEALTH CARE**  
2 **COPAYMENT BY THE SECRETARY OF VET-**  
3 **ERANS AFFAIRS FROM A VETERAN WHO IS A**  
4 **MEMBER OF AN INDIAN TRIBE.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1730A of title 38, United  
6 States Code, is amended—

7 (1) in the heading, by striking “**catastroph-**  
8 **ically disabled**” and inserting “**certain**”;

9 (2) by inserting “(a) PROHIBITION.—” before  
10 “Notwithstanding”;

11 (3) by striking “a veteran who is catastroph-

12 ically disabled, as defined by the Secretary,” and in-

13 sserting “a covered veteran”; and

14 (4) by adding at the end the following new sub-

15 section:

16 “(b) COVERED VETERAN DEFINED.—In this section,  
17 the term ‘covered veteran’ means a veteran who—

18 “(1) is catastrophically disabled, as defined by  
19 the Secretary; or

20 “(2) is an Indian or urban Indian, as those  
21 terms are defined in section 4 of the Indian Health  
22 Care Improvement Act (Public Law 94–437; 25  
23 U.S.C. 1603).”.

24 (b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
25 at the beginning of chapter 17 of such title is amended

- 1 by striking the item relating to section 1730A and insert-
- 2 ing the following:

“1730A. Prohibition on collection of copayments from certain veterans.”.

