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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 8, 2022

Mrs. Rodgers of Washington (for herself, Mr. Bergman, and Mr. Pappas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR EMERGENCY TREATMENT FURNISHED TO VETERANS.

(a) Eligibility Requirements.—Section 1725(b)(2)(B) of title 38, United States Code, is amended...
by inserting ‘‘, unless such emergency treatment was fur-
ished during the 60-day period following the date on
which the veteran enrolled in the health care system speci-
fied in subparagraph (A), in which case no requirement
for prior receipt of care shall apply’’ before the period.

(b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by sub-
section (a) shall apply with respect to emergency treat-
ment furnished on or after the date that is one year after
the date of the enactment of this Act.