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To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve benefits for Filipino veterans of World War II, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GILMAN (for himself and Mr. FILNER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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 “Filipino Veterans’ Ben-
5 efits Improvements Act of 1999”.

6 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN RATE OF PAYMENT OF CERTAIN BEN-**
7 **EFITS TO VETERANS OF THE PHILIPPINE**
8 **COMMONWEALTH ARMY.**

9 (a) INCREASE.—Section 107 of title 38, United
10 States Code, is amended—

1 (1) by striking “Payment” in the second sen-
2 tence of subsection (a) and inserting “Except as pro-
3 vided in subsection (c), payment”; and

4 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
5 section:

6 “(c) In the case of benefits under subchapters II and
7 IV of chapter 11 of this title by reason of service described
8 in subsection (a)—

9 “(1) notwithstanding the second sentence of
10 subsection (a), payment of such benefit shall be
11 made in dollars at the rate of \$1.00 for each dollar
12 authorized; and

13 “(2) such benefits shall be paid only to an indi-
14 vidual residing in the United States who is a citizen
15 of, or an alien lawfully admitted for permanent resi-
16 dence in, the United States.”.

17 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
18 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of the enact-
19 ment of this Act, and shall apply to benefits paid for
20 months beginning on or after that date.

21 **SEC. 3. ELIGIBILITY FOR HEALTH CARE OF CERTAIN ADDI-**
22 **TIONAL FILIPINO WORLD WAR II VETERANS.**

23 Section 1734 of title 38, United States Code, is
24 amended to read as follows:

1 “The Secretary, within the limits of Department fa-
2 cilities, shall furnish hospital and nursing home care and
3 medical services to Commonwealth Army veterans and
4 new Philippine Scouts in the same manner as provided
5 for under section 1710 of this title.”.

6 **SEC. 4. MANDATE TO PROVIDE HEALTH CARE FOR WORLD**
7 **WAR II VETERANS RESIDING IN THE PHIL-**
8 **IPPINES.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter IV of chapter 17 of
10 title 38, United States Code, is amended—

11 (1) by redesignating section 1735 as section
12 1736; and

13 (2) by inserting after section 1734 the following
14 new section:

15 **“§ 1735. Outpatient care and services for World War**
16 **II veterans residing in the Philippines**

17 “(a) OUTPATIENT HEALTH CARE.—The Secretary
18 shall furnish care and services to veterans, Commonwealth
19 Army veterans, and new Philippine Scouts for the treat-
20 ment of the service-connected disabilities and non-service-
21 connected disabilities of such veterans and scouts residing
22 in the Republic of the Philippines on an outpatient basis
23 at the Manila VA Outpatient Clinic.

1 “(b) LIMITATIONS.—(1) The amount expended by
2 the Secretary for the purpose of subsection (a) in any fis-
3 cal year may not exceed \$500,000.

4 “(2) The authority of the Secretary to furnish care
5 and services under subsection (a) is effective in any fiscal
6 year only to the extent that appropriations are available
7 for that purpose.”.

8 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
9 at the beginning of chapter 17 of such title is amended
10 by striking the item relating to section 1735 and inserting
11 after the item relating to section 1734 the following new
12 items:

“1735. Outpatient care and services for World War II veterans residing in the
Philippines.

“1736. Definitions.”.

13 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
14 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of the enact-
15 ment of this Act.

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