

109TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 3948

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 29, 2005

Mr. BROWN of Ohio (for himself and Mr. STRICKLAND) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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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 “Veterans Access to
5 Health Care Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. VETERANS BENEFICIARY TRAVEL.**

2 (a) **ELIMINATION OF DEDUCTIBLE.**—Section 111(c)
3 of title 38, United States Code, is repealed.

4 (b) **DETERMINATION OF MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT**
5 **RATE.**—Section 111(g) of such title is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (1), to read as follows:

7 “(1)(A) In determining the amount of allowance or
8 reimbursement to be paid under this section, the Secretary
9 shall use the House of Representatives mileage reimburse-
10 ment rate.

11 “(B) For purposes of this section, the term ‘House
12 of Representatives mileage reimbursement rate’ means the
13 maximum mileage reimbursement rate for Members of the
14 House of Representatives established by the Committee on
15 House Administration of the House of Representatives
16 pursuant to House Resolution 457, Ninety-second Con-
17 gress, agreed to July 21, 1971, as enacted into permanent
18 law by chapter IV of the Supplemental Appropriations
19 Act, 1972 (2 U.S.C. 57).”;

20 (2) by striking paragraphs (3) and (4).

21 (c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
22 this Act shall apply with respect to travel expenses in-
23 curred after the expiration of the 60-day period that be-
24 gins on the date of the enactment of this Act.

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