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H. R. 4025

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 7, 2005

Mr. BARROW (for himself, Mr. FILNER, Mr. MICHAUD, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. EVANS, Ms. HERSETH, and Mr. BROWN of Ohio) 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 “Disabled Veterans
5 Fairness Act”.

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

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3 of section 111 of title 38, United States Code, is repealed.

4 (b) **DETERMINATION OF MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT**
5 **RATE.**—

6 (1) **DETERMINATION.**—Paragraph (1) of sub-
7 section (g) of such section is amended to read as fol-
8 lows:

9 “(1) In determining the amount of allowances or re-
10 imbursement to be paid under this section, the Secretary
11 shall use the mileage reimbursement rates for the use of
12 privately owned vehicles by Government employees on offi-
13 cial business, as prescribed by the Administrator of Gen-
14 eral Services under section 5707(b) of title 5, United
15 States Code.”.

16 (2) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—Subsection (g)
17 of such section is further amended by striking para-
18 graphs (3) and (4).

19 (c) **SOURCE OF FUNDS.**—Such section is further
20 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
21 section:

22 “(i) Funds for payments made under this section
23 shall be appropriated separately from other amounts ap-
24 propriated for the Department.”.

25 (d) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
26 this Act shall apply with respect to travel expenses in-

1 curred after the expiration of the 90-day period that be-
2 gins on the date of the enactment of this Act.

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