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# H. R. 6445

To amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from collecting certain copayments from veterans who are catastrophically disabled.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 9, 2008

Mr. CAZAYOUX (for himself, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. FILNER, Mr. HARE, and Mr. MICHAUD) 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. PROHIBITION ON COLLECTION OF CERTAIN**  
4 **COPAYMENTS FROM VETERANS WHO ARE**  
5 **CATASTROPHICALLY DISABLED.**

6 (a) PROHIBITION ON COLLECTION OF COPAYMENTS  
7 AND OTHER FEES FOR HOSPITAL OR NURSING HOME  
8 CARE.—Section 1710 of title 38, United States Code, is  
9 amended—

1           (1) by redesignating subsection (h) as sub-  
2           section (i); and

3           (2) by inserting after subsection (g) the fol-  
4           lowing new subsection (h):

5           “(h) Notwithstanding any other provision of this sec-  
6           tion, a veteran who is catastrophically disabled shall not  
7           be required to make any payment otherwise required  
8           under subsection (f) or (g) for the receipt of hospital care  
9           or nursing home care under this section.”.

10          (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsection (h) of section  
11          1710 of title 38, United States Code, as added by sub-  
12          section (a), shall apply with respect to hospital care or  
13          nursing home care provided after the date of the enact-  
14          ment of this Act.

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