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# H. R. 1335

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

MARCH 5, 2009

Mrs. HALVORSON (for herself, Mr. FILNER, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. ROSS, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. CHILDERS, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. WALZ, Mr. SABLAN, Mr. KISSELL, Mr. NYE, Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. PIERLUISI, Mr. POLIS of Colorado, Mr. HEINRICH, and Ms. KILROY) 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

1 CARE.—Section 1710 of title 38, United States Code, is  
2 amended—

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

5 (2) by inserting after subsection (g) the fol-  
6 lowing new subsection (h):

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

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

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