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# S. 346

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 14, 2013

Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. HELLER, and Mr. BAUCUS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. TRANSPORTATION ON MILITARY AIRCRAFT ON**  
2 **A SPACE-AVAILABLE BASIS FOR DISABLED**  
3 **VETERANS WITH A SERVICE-CONNECTED,**  
4 **PERMANENT DISABILITY RATED AS TOTAL.**

5 (a) AVAILABILITY OF TRANSPORTATION.—Section  
6 2641b of title 10, United States Code, as amended by sec-  
7 tion 622 of National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal  
8 Year 2013, is further amended—

9 (1) by redesignating subsection (f) as sub-  
10 section (g); and

11 (2) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-  
12 lowing new subsection (f):

13 “(f) SPECIAL PRIORITY FOR CERTAIN DISABLED  
14 VETERANS.—(1) The Secretary of Defense shall provide  
15 transportation on scheduled and unscheduled military  
16 flights within the continental United States and on sched-  
17 uled overseas flights operated by the Air Mobility Com-  
18 mand on a space-available basis for any veteran with a  
19 service-connected, permanent disability rated as total.

20 “(2) Notwithstanding subsection (d)(1), in estab-  
21 lishing space-available transportation priorities under the  
22 travel program, the Secretary shall provide transportation  
23 under paragraph (1) on the same basis as such transpor-  
24 tation is provided to members of the armed forces entitled  
25 to retired or retainer pay.

1       “(3) The requirement to provide transportation on  
2 Department of Defense aircraft on a space-available basis  
3 on the priority basis described in paragraph (2) to vet-  
4 erans covered by this subsection applies whether or not  
5 the travel program is established under this section.

6       “(4) In this subsection, the terms ‘veteran’ and ‘serv-  
7 ice-connected’ have the meanings given those terms in sec-  
8 tion 101 of title 38.”.

9       (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—Subsection (f) of section  
10 2641b of title 10, United States Code, as added by sub-  
11 section (a), shall take effect at the end of the 90-day pe-  
12 riod beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act.

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