

115TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4031

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress annual reports on beneficiary travel, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 12, 2017

Mr. PEARCE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Appropriations, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Beneficiary Travel Act
5 of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. ANNUAL REPORTS ON BENEFICIARY TRAVEL.**

7 (a) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than one year after
8 the date of the enactment of this Act, and on an annual

1 basis thereafter, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall
2 submit to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the
3 House of Representatives and the Senate a report on pay-
4 ments or allowances made for beneficiary travel under sec-
5 tion 111 of title 38, United States Code. Each such report
6 shall include, with respect to the period covered by the
7 report, the following:

8 (1) The total amount of such payments or al-
9 lowances per State (based on the destination of the
10 travel).

11 (2) For each State, whether the total amount
12 identified under paragraph (1) has been increased or
13 decreased as compared to the total amount identified
14 in the preceding report, including the amount of
15 such increase or decrease.

16 (b) USE OF ANY SAVINGS.—If the Secretary deter-
17 mines under subsection (a)(2) that the total amount of
18 payments or allowances made for beneficiary travel under
19 section 111 of title 38, United States Code, with respect
20 to a State has decreased, the Secretary shall transfer an
21 amount equal to the amount of the decrease from the ac-
22 count of the Department of Veterans Affairs from which
23 such payments or allowances are made to the Veterans
24 Choice Fund established by section 802 of the Veterans

1 Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 (Public
2 Law 113–146; 38 U.S.C. 1701 note).

3 (c) STATE DEFINED.—In this section, the term
4 “State” has the meaning given that term in section
5 101(20) of title 38, United States Code.

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