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H. R. 936

To amend title 10, United States Code, to establish a space-available transportation priority for veterans of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected, permanent disability rated as total.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 7, 2017

Mr. BILIRAKIS (for himself, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. VELA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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 “Special Priority on
5 Aircrafts and Coverage Equity Act of 2017” or “SPACE–
6 A”.

1 **SEC. 2. TRANSPORTATION ON MILITARY AIRCRAFT ON A**
2 **SPACE-AVAILABLE BASIS FOR DISABLED VET-**
3 **ERANS WITH A SERVICE-CONNECTED, PER-**
4 **MANENT DISABILITY RATED AS TOTAL.**

5 (a) AVAILABILITY OF TRANSPORTATION.—Section
6 2641b of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

7 (1) by redesignating subsection (f) as sub-
8 section (g); and

9 (2) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-
10 lowing new subsection (f):

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

20 “(2) The transportation priority required by para-
21 graph (1) for veterans described in such paragraph applies
22 whether or not the Secretary establishes the travel pro-
23 gram authorized by this section.

24 “(3) In this subsection, the terms ‘veteran’ and ‘serv-
25 ice-connected’ have the meanings given those terms in sec-
26 tion 101 of title 38.”.

1 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—Subsection (f) of section
2 2641b of title 10, United States Code, as added by sub-
3 section (a), shall take effect at the end of the 90-day pe-
4 riod beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act.

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