

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 6885

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 18, 2025

Mr. MOSKOWITZ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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 “Veterans Pensions
5 Protection Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXCLUSION OF CERTAIN REIMBURSEMENTS OF**
2 **MEDICAL EXPENSES AND OTHER PAYMENTS**
3 **FROM DETERMINATION OF ANNUAL INCOME**
4 **WITH RESPECT TO PENSIONS FOR VETERANS**
5 **AND SURVIVING SPOUSES AND CHILDREN OF**
6 **VETERANS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1503(a) of title 38,
8 United States Code, is amended—

9 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (6) through
10 (12) as paragraphs (7) through (13), respectively;
11 and

12 (2) by inserting after paragraph (5) the fol-
13 lowing new paragraph (6):

14 “(6) payments regarding—

15 “(A) reimbursements of any kind (includ-
16 ing insurance settlement payments) for medical
17 expenses resulting from any accident, theft,
18 loss, or casualty loss (as defined by the Sec-
19 retary), but the amount excluded under this
20 clause shall not exceed the costs of medical care
21 provided to the victim of the accident, theft,
22 loss, or casualty loss; and

23 “(B) pain and suffering (including insur-
24 ance settlement payments and general damages
25 awarded by a court) related to an accident,
26 theft, loss, or casualty loss, but the amount ex-

1 cluded under this subparagraph shall not exceed
2 an amount determined by the Secretary on a
3 case-by-case basis;”.

4 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
5 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date that is 180
6 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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