

**Disabled Veterans Fairness Act (Introduced in Senate)**

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**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES**

**March 27, 2007**

Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. SALAZAR) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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**A BILL**

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the 'Disabled Veterans Fairness Act'.

**SEC. 2. VETERANS BENEFICIARY TRAVEL PROGRAM.**

(a) Elimination of Deductible-

(1) ELIMINATION- Section 111 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking subsection (c).

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT- Subsection (b) of such section is amended by striking 'Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section and notwithstanding' and inserting 'Notwithstanding'.

(b) Determination of Mileage Reimbursement Rate-

(1) DETERMINATION- Paragraph (1) of subsection (g) of such section is amended to read as follows:

`(1) In determining the amount of allowances or reimbursement to be paid under this section, the Secretary shall use the mileage reimbursement rates for the use of privately

owned vehicles by Government employees on official business, as prescribed by the Administrator of General Services under section 5707(b) of title 5.'

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT- Subsection (g) of such section is further amended by striking paragraphs (3) and (4).

(c) Source of Funds- Such section is further amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

`(i) Amounts for payments under this section shall be derived from amounts appropriated or otherwise made available to the Department specifically for such payments.'

(d) Effective Date- The amendments made by this Act shall apply with respect to travel expenses incurred after the expiration of the 90-day period that begins on the date of the enactment of this Act.