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H. R. 6287

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 17, 2008

Mr. SOUDER (for himself and Mr. ELLSWORTH) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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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 Travel Equity
5 Act of 2008”.

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

2 (a) DETERMINATION OF MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT
3 RATE.—Subsection (g)(1) of section 111 of title 38,
4 United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

5 “(g)(1) In determining the amount of any allowance
6 or reimbursement to be paid under this section, the Sec-
7 retary shall use the mileage reimbursement rates for the
8 use of privately owned vehicles by Government employees
9 on official business, as prescribed by the Administrator of
10 General Services under section 5707(b) of title 5.”.

11 (b) ELIMINATION OF INCOME ELIGIBILITY AND
12 SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY RATING REQUIRE-
13 MENTS.—Section 111 of such title is amended by adding
14 at the end the following:

15 “(i) Effective beginning on the 90th day following the
16 date of enactment of this subsection, the Secretary may
17 not impose any income or pension eligibility requirement,
18 or require any service connected disability rating, for a
19 veteran to be eligible for an allowance or reimbursement
20 under this section and shall eliminate any such require-
21 ments in effect before such 90th day.”.

22 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
23 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to travel expenses
24 incurred after the expiration of the 90-day period that be-
25 gins on the date of enactment of this Act.