

## 116TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

## H. R. 485

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

January 10, 2019

Mr. Tipton (for himself, Ms. Delauro, and Mr. Wittman) 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 Reimburse-
- 5 ment for Emergency Ambulance Services Act" or the
- 6 "VREASA".

1	SEC. 2. SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS REIMBURSE-
2	MENT FOR EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERV-
3	ICES.
4	(a) In General.—Section 1725(c) of title 38,
5	United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
6	following new paragraph:
7	"(5) In delineating the circumstances under which re-
8	imbursement may be made under this section for ambu-
9	lance services for an individual, the Secretary shall treat
10	such services as emergency services for which reimburse-
11	ment may be made under this section if the Secretary de-
12	termines that—
13	"(A) the request for ambulance services was
14	made as a result of the sudden onset of a medical
15	condition of such a nature that a prudent layperson
16	who possesses an average knowledge of health and
17	medicine—
18	"(i) would have reasonably expected that a
19	delay in seeking immediate medical attention
20	would have been hazardous to the life or health
21	of the individual; or
22	"(ii) could reasonably expect the absence
23	of immediate medical attention to result in
24	placing the health of the individual in serious
25	jeopardy, the serious impairment of bodily func-

1	tions, or the serious dysfunction of any bodily
2	organ or part; and
3	"(B) the individual is transported to the closest
4	and most appropriate medical facility capable of
5	treating such emergency medical condition.".
6	(b) Effective Date.—The amendment made by
7	subsection (a) shall apply with respect to ambulance serv-
8	ices provided on or after January 1, 2019.

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