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H. R. 8435

To allow certain veterans to use high occupancy vehicle lanes, including toll lanes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 29, 2020

Mr. ROSE of New York (for himself and Mr. KATKO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “HOV Lanes for Heroes
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. HOV FACILITIES.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 166(b) of title 23, United
8 States Code, is amended by inserting at the end the fol-
9 lowing:

10 “(6) DISABLED VETERANS.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The public authority
2 may allow a disabled veteran to use the HOV
3 facility if such veteran has a license plate that
4 clearly identifies the vehicle, a registered trans-
5 ponder, or other method of identification the
6 public authority considers necessary for quali-
7 fication.

8 “(B) DEFINITION OF DISABLED VET-
9 ERAN.—For purposes of this paragraph, the
10 term ‘disabled veteran’ means a veteran (as
11 such term is defined in section 101 of title 38)
12 who the Secretary of Veterans Affairs has de-
13 termined has a service-connected (as such term
14 is defined in such section) disability rated at or
15 above a percentage determined to be qualifying
16 by the public authority.

17 “(C) OCCUPANCY EXCEPTION.—Notwith-
18 standing the occupancy requirement of sub-
19 section (a)(2), 1 occupant described in subpara-
20 graph (B) of this paragraph may be permitted
21 to use a HOV facility.

22 “(D) NO CHARGE FOR TOLLS.—Under this
23 paragraph, a public authority may charge no
24 toll.”.

1 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 166 of
2 such title is further amended—

3 (1) in subsection (b)(1) by striking “through
4 (5)” and inserting “through (6)”; and

5 (2) in subsection (d)(1) by striking “paragraph
6 (4) or (5)” and inserting “paragraph (4), (5), or
7 (6)”.

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