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# S. 2392

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 31, 2019

Mr. CRAMER (for himself and Ms. ROSEN) 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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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. REIMBURSEMENT BY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS**  
2 **AFFAIRS FOR EMERGENCY AMBULANCE**  
3 **SERVICES.**

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 under paragraph (1)(B) the cir-  
8 cumstances under which reimbursement may be made  
9 under this section for ambulance services for an individual,  
10 the Secretary shall treat such services as emergency serv-  
11 ices for which reimbursement may be made under this sec-  
12 tion if the Secretary determines that the request for ambu-  
13 lance services was made as a result of the sudden onset  
14 of a medical condition of such a nature that a prudent  
15 layperson who possesses an average knowledge of health  
16 and medicine—

17 “(A) would have reasonably expected that a  
18 delay in seeking immediate medical attention would  
19 have been hazardous to the life or health of the indi-  
20 vidual; or

21 “(B) could reasonably expect the absence of im-  
22 mediate medical attention to result in placing the  
23 health of the individual in serious jeopardy, the seri-  
24 ous impairment of bodily functions, or the serious  
25 dysfunction of any bodily organ or part.”.

1       (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
2 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to ambulance serv-  
3 ices provided on or after the date of the enactment of this  
4 Act.

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