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S. 4005

To amend title 31, United States Code, to address claims of the United States Government relating to care received by civilians at military medical treatment facilities, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. WARREN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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 “Financial Relief for
5 Civilians Treated at Military Hospitals Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEBT ARISING FROM TREATMENT AT MILITARY**
2 **MEDICAL TREATMENT FACILITIES.**

3 Section 3711 of title 31, United States Code, is
4 amended—

5 (1) in subsection (g)(2)—

6 (A) in subparagraph (A)(v), by striking
7 “and” at the end;

8 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking the
9 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

10 (C) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(C) to any debt or claim described in sub-
12 section (j).”; and

13 (2) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(j) The Secretary of Defense may not take an action
15 under subsection (a), and shall suspend or terminate an
16 action by the Secretary of a military department under
17 that subsection, to collect a claim arising from care pro-
18 vided at a military medical treatment facility to a civilian
19 who is not a covered beneficiary (as that term is defined
20 in section 1072 of title 10).”.

21 **SEC. 3. LIMITATION ON FEES CHARGED TO CIVILIANS FOR**
22 **EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT PRO-**
23 **VIDED AT MILITARY MEDICAL TREATMENT**
24 **FACILITIES.**

25 Section 1079b of title 10, United States Code, is
26 amended—

1 (1) by redesignating subsection (b) as sub-
2 section (c); and

3 (2) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-
4 lowing new subsection (b):

5 “(b) LIMITATION ON FEES FOR CERTAIN TREAT-
6 MENT.—(1) Under the procedures developed under sub-
7 section (a), a military medical treatment facility may not
8 charge a civilian who is not a covered beneficiary any fee
9 for covered treatment provided to the civilian at the facil-
10 ity.

11 “(2) In this subsection, the term ‘covered treatment’,
12 with respect to treatment provided to a civilian at a mili-
13 tary medical treatment facility, means emergency medical
14 treatment that can be provided only at the military med-
15 ical treatment facility due to the severity of the condition
16 of the civilian and the location of the civilian.”.

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