

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 6652
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Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “U.S. Vets of the FAS
3 Act”.

**4 SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT TO FURNISH CERTAIN HEALTH
5 SERVICES TO VETERANS IN THE FREELY AS-
6 SOCIATED STATES.**

7 (a) AGREEMENTS REQUIRED.—Consistent with sec-
8 tion 1724(f) of title 38, United States Code, and section
9 209(a)(4)(A) of the Compact of Free Association Amend-
10 ments Act of 2024 (48 U.S.C. 1988(a)(4)(A)), the Sec-
11 retary of Veterans Affairs shall work expeditiously with
12 the governments of the Freely Associated States to enter
13 into the agreements described in such sections.

14 (b) INCLUSION OF TELEHEALTH AND MAIL ORDER
15 PHARMACY SERVICES REQUIRED.—Consistent with such
16 sections and with the agreements required by subsection

1 (a), the Secretary shall furnish to veterans in the Freely
2 Associated States services that include, at a minimum—

3 (1) medical services authorized to be provided
4 under chapter 17 of title 38, United States Code,
5 which can be administered through telehealth; and

6 (2) pharmaceutical products authorized to be
7 provided under such chapter, delivered by mail.

8 (c) IMPLEMENTATION DATES.—In carrying out sub-
9 sections (a) and (b), the Secretary shall, to the maximum
10 extent practicable—

11 (1) initiate outreach to each such government
12 not later than 30 days after the date of the enact-
13 ment of this Act;

14 (2) enter into each agreement required by sub-
15 section (a) not later than one year after the date of
16 the enactment of this Act; and

17 (3) begin furnishing the services required by
18 paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (b) not later
19 than one year after the date of the enactment of this
20 Act.

21 (d) BENEFICIARY TRAVEL.—Section 111(h)(1) of
22 title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking “the
23 Secretary may make payments” and inserting “beginning
24 not later than one year after the date of the enactment

1 of the U.S. Vets of the FAS Act, the Secretary shall make
2 payments”.

3 (e) REPORTS.—Not less frequently than quarterly,
4 the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate committees
5 of Congress a report on the implementation of this section
6 and the cost of such implementation. Until the Secretary
7 has entered into the agreements required by subsection (a)
8 and begun furnishing the services required by paragraphs
9 (1) and (2) of subsection (b), the report shall also describe
10 the technical and logistical factors that have prevented or
11 impeded the Secretary from doing so.

12 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13 (1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
14 GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-
15 gress” means—

16 (A) the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs
17 and the Committee on Appropriations of the
18 Senate; and

19 (B) the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs
20 and the Committee on Appropriations of the
21 House of Representatives.

22 (2) FREELY ASSOCIATED STATES.—The term
23 “Freely Associated States” has the meaning given
24 such term in section 1724(f) of title 38, United
25 States Code.

1 **SEC. 3. ASSIGNMENT OF TRAVELING PHYSICIANS TO SERVE**
2 **VETERANS IN FREELY ASSOCIATED STATES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 74 of title
4 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end
5 the following new section:

6 **“§ 7415. Traveling physicians for veterans in Freely**
7 **Associated States**

8 “The Secretary may assign a physician appointed
9 under section 7401 of this title to serve as a traveling phy-
10 sician for a period of not more than one year. A traveling
11 physician shall provide health care to veterans residing in
12 the Freely Associated States (as defined in section 1724(f)
13 of this title).”.

14 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
15 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting
16 after the item relating to section 7414 the following new
17 item:

“7415. Traveling physicians for veterans in Freely Associated States.”.

18 **SEC. 4. EXTENSION OF CERTAIN LIMITS ON PAYMENT OF**
19 **PENSION.**

20 Section 5503(d)(7) of title 38, United States Code,
21 is amended by striking “January 31, 2033” and inserting
22 “November 30, 2033”.

