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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JACOBS introduced the following bill; which was 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. PAYMENT OF TEMPORARY LODGING EXPENSES**
2 **INCURRED BY FAMILY MEMBERS VISITING A**
3 **HOSPITALIZED MEMBER OF THE ARMED**
4 **FORCES.**

5 (a) PAYMENT REQUIRED IF ILLNESS OR INJURY IN-
6 CURRED IN THE LINE OF DUTY.—Section 411h of title
7 37, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end
8 the following new subsection:

9 “(e) TEMPORARY LODGING EXPENSES.—(1) If a
10 member described in subsection (a)(2) is hospitalized for
11 a serious illness or serious injury sustained in the line of
12 duty, family members provided transportation authorized
13 by subsection (a) shall be paid or reimbursed for subsist-
14 ence expenses actually incurred by the family members
15 while temporarily occupying accommodations at the loca-
16 tion of the medical facility in which the member is hos-
17 pitalized.

18 “(2) The Secretaries concerned shall prescribe uni-
19 form regulations to carry out this subsection. Such regula-
20 tions shall include reasonable limitations on the daily and
21 total amount of subsistence expenses that may be paid or
22 reimbursed under this subsection.”.

23 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—(1) The heading of
24 such section is amended to read as follows:

1 **“§411h. Travel and transportation allowances: trans-**
 2 **portation and temporary lodging ex-**
 3 **penses of family members incident to the**
 4 **serious illness or injury of members”.**

5 (2) The item relating to such section in the table of
 6 sections at the beginning of chapter 7 of such title is
 7 amended to read as follows:

“411h. Travel and transportation allowances: transportation and temporary
 lodging expenses of family members incident to the serious ill-
 ness or injury of members.”.

8 (3) Such section is further amended—

9 (A) by inserting “TRANSPORTATION AUTHOR-
 10 IZED.—” after “(a)”;

11 (B) by inserting “FAMILY MEMBERS DE-
 12 FINED.—” after “(b)”;

13 (C) by inserting “TYPE OF TRANSPOR-
 14 TATION.—” after “(c)”;

15 (D) by inserting “MEANS OF TRANSPOR-
 16 TATION.—” after “(d)”.

17 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsection (e) of section
 18 411h of title 37, United States Code, as added by sub-
 19 section (a), shall apply with respect to the hospitalization
 20 of members of the Armed Forces occurring after Decem-
 21 ber 15, 1989.

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