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To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a priority for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in processing certain claims for compensation.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 14, 2013

Mr. COOK (for himself and Mrs. NEGRETE MCLEOD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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A BILL

To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a priority for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in processing certain claims for compensation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''Prioritizing Urgent Claims for Veterans Act''.

SEC. 2. PRIORITY FOR PROCESSING CLAIMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 51 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

"§ 5109C. Priority for processing claims

''In processing claims for compensation under this chapter, the Secretary shall provide the following claimants with priority over other claimants:

''(1) Veterans who have attained the age of 70.

''(2) Veterans who are terminally ill.

''(3) Veterans with life-threatening illnesses.''.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 5109B the following new item:

''5109C. Priority for processing claims.''.

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