

111<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 1658

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 19, 2009

Mr. TIAHRT introduced the following bill; which was 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 Healthcare  
5 Commitment Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON RECOVERY BY THE UNITED**  
2 **STATES OF CHARGES FROM A THIRD PARTY**  
3 **FOR TREATMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICE-**  
4 **CONNECTED DISABILITIES.**

5 Section 1729 of title 38, United States Code, is  
6 amended—

7 (1) by redesignating subsection (i) as subsection  
8 (k); and

9 (2) by inserting after subsection (h) the fol-  
10 lowing new subsection (i):

11 “(i) Nothing in this section authorizes the United  
12 States to recover or collect any charges from any third  
13 party for care or services furnished to a veteran under  
14 this chapter for a service-connected disability.”.

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