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S. 1172

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 18, 2023

Ms. SINEMA (for herself and Mr. BRAUN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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 “Removing Extraneous
5 Loopholes Insuring Every Veteran Emergency Act” or the
6 “RELIEVE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**
2 **FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR EMERGENCY**
3 **TREATMENT FURNISHED TO VETERANS.**

4 (a) **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.**—Section
5 1725(b)(2)(B) of title 38, United States Code, is amend-
6 ed—

7 (1) by striking “the veteran” and inserting “(i)
8 the veteran”;

9 (2) by striking the period at the end and insert-
10 ing “; or”; and

11 (3) by adding at the end the following new
12 clause:

13 “(ii) the veteran was furnished such emergency
14 treatment during the 60-day period following the
15 date on which the veteran enrolled in the health care
16 system specified in subparagraph (A).”

17 (b) **APPLICABILITY.**—The amendments made by sub-
18 section (a) shall apply with respect to emergency treat-
19 ment furnished on or after the date that is one year after
20 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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