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H. R. 3419

To amend title 10, United States Code, to expand the Operation Hero Miles program to include the authority to accept the donation of travel benefits in the form of hotel points or awards for free or reduced-cost accommodations.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 14, 2011

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER (for himself, Mr. BARTLETT, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Mr. HARRIS) 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Hotels for Heroes
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF OPERATION HERO MILES.**

2 (a) EXPANDED DEFINITION OF TRAVEL BENEFIT.—

3 Subsection (b) of section 2613 of title 10, United States
4 Code, is amended to read as follows:

5 “(b) TRAVEL BENEFIT DEFINED.—In this section,
6 the term ‘travel benefit’ means—

7 “(1) frequent traveler miles, credits for tickets,
8 or tickets for air or surface transportation issued by
9 an air carrier or a surface carrier, respectively, that
10 serves the public; and

11 “(2) points or awards for free or reduced-cost
12 accommodations issued by an inn, hotel, or other
13 commercial establishment that provides lodging to
14 transient guests.”.

15 (b) CONDITION ON AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT DONA-
16 TION.—Subsection (e) of such section is amended—

17 (1) by striking “the air or surface carrier” and
18 inserting “the business entity referred to in sub-
19 section (b)”;

20 (2) by striking “the surface carrier” and insert-
21 ing “the business entity”; and

22 (3) by striking “the carrier” and inserting “the
23 business entity”.

24 (c) USE.—Subsection (d) of such section is amend-
25 ed—

1 (1) by striking “or” at the end of paragraph
2 (1);

3 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-
4 graph (2) and inserting a semicolon; and

5 (3) by adding at the end the following new
6 paragraphs:

7 “(3) providing humanitarian support to mem-
8 bers and eligible beneficiaries receiving care through
9 the military health care system; and

10 “(4) providing support to allow participation of
11 members and their families in Department of De-
12 fense sponsored and authorized programs.”.

13 (d) ADMINISTRATION.—Subsection (e)(3) of such
14 section is amended by striking “the air carrier or surface
15 carrier” and inserting “the business entity referred to in
16 subsection (b)”.

17 (e) STYLISTIC AMENDMENTS.—

18 (1) SECTION HEADING.—The heading of such
19 section is amended to read as follows:

1 **“§ 2613. Acceptance of frequent traveler miles, cred-**
2 **its, points, and tickets: use to facilitate**
3 **rest and recuperation travel of deployed**
4 **members and their families, support**
5 **members and other beneficiaries of the**
6 **military health care system, and support**
7 **participation in authorized programs”.**

8 (2) TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The table of sections
9 at the beginning of chapter 155 of such title is
10 amended by striking the item relating to section
11 2613 and inserting the following new item:

“2613. Acceptance of frequent traveler miles, credits, points, and tickets: use to facilitate rest and recuperation travel of deployed members and their families, support members and other beneficiaries of the military health care system, and support participation in authorized programs.”.

