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# S. 696

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 31, 2011

Mr. TESTER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. TREATMENT OF VET CENTERS AS DEPART-**  
2 **MENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FACILITIES**  
3 **FOR PURPOSES OF PAYMENTS OR ALLOW-**  
4 **ANCES FOR BENEFICIARY TRAVEL.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 111 of title 38, United  
6 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
7 lowing new subsection:

8 “(i)(1) Vet Centers shall be treated as Department  
9 facilities for purposes of providing payment of actual ex-  
10 penses of travel or allowance for travel to or from a De-  
11 partment facility under this section.

12 “(2) In this subsection, the term ‘Vet Center’ means  
13 a center for readjustment counseling and related mental  
14 health services for veterans under section 1712A of this  
15 title.”.

16 (b) APPLICABILITY.—Section 111(i) of such title, as  
17 added by subsection (a), shall apply with respect to travel  
18 occurring on or after the date of the enactment of this  
19 Act.

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