

114TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 5149

To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the circumstances under which the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall provide reimbursement for emergency ambulance services.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 29, 2016

Mr. COFFMAN (for himself, Ms. TITUS, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. TAKANO, and Mr. BOUSTANY) 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. SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS REIM-**  
4                               **BURSEMENT FOR EMERGENCY AMBULANCE**  
5                               **SERVICES.**

6       (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1725(c) of title 38,  
7       United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the  
8       following new paragraph:

1       “(5) In delineating the circumstances under which re-  
2       imbursement may be made under this section for ambu-  
3       lance services for an individual, the Secretary shall treat  
4       such services as emergency services for which reimburse-  
5       ment may be made under this section if the Secretary de-  
6       termines that—

7               “(A) the request for ambulance services was  
8       made as a result of the sudden onset of a medical  
9       condition of such a nature that a prudent layperson  
10      who possesses an average knowledge of health and  
11      medicine—

12               “(i) would have reasonably expected that a  
13      delay in seeking immediate medical attention  
14      would have been hazardous to the life or health  
15      of the individual; or

16               “(ii) could reasonably expect the absence  
17      of immediate medical attention to result in  
18      placing the health of the individual in serious  
19      jeopardy, the serious impairment of bodily func-  
20      tions, or the serious dysfunction of any bodily  
21      organ or part; and

22               “(B) the individual is transported to the closest  
23      and most appropriate medical facility capable of  
24      treating such emergency medical condition.”.

1           (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
2 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to ambulance serv-  
3 ices provided on or after January 1, 2016.

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