AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
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Add at the end of subtitle E of title X the following new section:

SECTION _____ EXPANSION OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SPACE-AVAILABLE TRAVEL PROGRAM TO ALLOW CERTAIN DISABLED VETERANS TO TRAVEL WITH A CAREGIVER OR DEPENDENT ON CERTAIN AIRCRAFT.

(a) Exception to Limitation on Use of Travel Program Funds.—Section 2641b(b) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(3) The limitation in paragraph (2) shall not apply to the use of funds to purchase or design new equipment to carry out paragraphs (4) and (5) of subsection (c).”.

(b) Certain Caregiver or Dependent Eligibility for Travel Program.—Section 2641b(e) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraphs (5) and (6) as paragraphs (6) and (7), respectively;
(2) in paragraph (6) (as redesignated by paragraph (1)), by striking “paragraphs (1) through (3)” and inserting “paragraphs (1) through (4)”;

and

(3) by inserting after paragraph (4) the following new paragraph:

“(5) Subject to subsection (f) and under conditions and circumstances as the Secretary shall specify in regulations under subsection (a), a caregiver or family caregiver (as such terms are defined in section 1720G of title 38) of a veteran with a permanent service-connected disability rated as total.”.

(c) LIMITATION ON PRIORITY IN TRAVEL PROGRAM.—Section 2641b(f) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking “a veteran eligible for travel pursuant to subsection (c)(4)” and inserting “an individual eligible for travel pursuant to paragraph (4) or (5) of subsection (c)”;

and

(2) in paragraphs (2) and (3), by striking “The authority in subsection (c)(4)” each place it appears and inserting “The authority in paragraph (4) or (5) of subsection (e)”.

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