

118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. WELCH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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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 “Driver Reimbursement  
5 Increase for Veteran Equity Act of 2023” or the “DRIVE  
6 Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. PAYMENTS OR ALLOWANCES BY DEPARTMENT OF**  
2 **VETERANS AFFAIRS FOR BENEFICIARY TRAV-**  
3 **EL.**

4 (a) **MINIMUM PAYMENT AMOUNT.**—Subsection (g) of  
5 section 111 of title 38, United States Code, is amended  
6 to read as follows:

7 “(g) The Secretary shall ensure that the mileage rate  
8 described in subsection (a) is equal to or greater than the  
9 mileage reimbursement rate for the use of privately owned  
10 vehicles by Government employees on official business  
11 (when no Government vehicle is available), as prescribed  
12 by the Administrator of General Services under section  
13 5707(b) of title 5.”.

14 (b) **CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**—Such section is  
15 further amended—

16 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “(at a rate of  
17 41.5 cents per mile)” and inserting “(at a rate de-  
18 termined in accordance with subsection (g))”; and

19 (2) in subsection (b)(1), by striking “and not-  
20 withstanding subsection (g)(2) of this section”.