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To amend title 38, United States Code, to revise the formula for payments to States for care furnished to veterans in State homes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HOCHBRUECKNER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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. PAYMENTS TO STATES FOR CARE FURNISHED**
4 **IN STATE HOMES.**

5 (a) REVISION IN RATES.—Subsections (a) and (b) of
6 section 1741 of title 38, United States Code, are amended
7 to read as follows:

8 “(a) The Secretary shall pay to a State amounts to
9 offset costs incurred by that State for domiciliary care,
10 nursing home care, and hospital care furnished to veterans

1 who are eligible for such care in a Department facility and
2 who receive such care in a State home of that State.

3 “(b)(1) The amount of payments under subsection
4 (a) for any period with respect to care provided at any
5 State home shall be the product of—

6 “(A) the number of days of veteran-patient care
7 during such period; and

8 “(B) the greater of—

9 “(i) 30 percent of the per diem cost of care
10 in that home; or

11 “(ii) the current per diem rate authorized
12 by the Secretary for domiciliary care, nursing
13 home care, or hospital care, respectively.

14 “(2) In no event shall the payments made with re-
15 spect to any veteran under this section exceed one-half of
16 the cost of the veterans’ care in such State home.

17 “(3) In this subsection, the term ‘per diem cost of
18 care’ means—

19 “(A) the total cost of operation of a State home
20 over a specified period, divided by

21 “(B) the number of days of patient care
22 during that period.”.

23 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
24 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to payments for

- 1 care furnished in State homes after the last day of the
- 2 fiscal-year quarter in which this Act is enacted.

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