

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 7657

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to revise a certain directive of the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 13, 2024

Mr. FINSTAD 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Healthcare Freedom
5 for VHA Volunteer Drivers Act of 2024”.

6 **SEC. 2. REVISION TO CERTAIN DIRECTIVE OF VETERANS**
7 **HEALTH ADMINISTRATION OF DEPARTMENT**
8 **OF VETERANS AFFAIRS REQUIRED.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs
10 shall revise VHA Directive 1193.01(1) titled “Coronavirus

1 Disease 2019 Vaccination Program for Veterans Health
2 Administration Health Care Personnel” and published on
3 January 27, 2022 (as amended on December 1, 2022) to
4 ensure that a covered individual may, subject to such con-
5 ditions as the Secretary determines appropriate, volunteer
6 to transport a veteran to a medical facility of the Depart-
7 ment of Veterans Affairs for the purposes of receiving
8 health care.

9 (b) COVERED INDIVIDUAL DEFINED.—In this sec-
10 tion, the term “covered individual” means an individual
11 who has not received a vaccination against COVID–19.

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