

107<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 4036

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 20, 2002

Mrs. DAVIS of California (for herself, Mr. EVANS, Mr. REYES, and Ms. BROWN of Florida) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the "Hospitalized Veterans  
5       Financial Assistance Act of 2002".

1 **SEC. 2. COMMENCEMENT OF PERIOD OF PAYMENT.**

2 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Paragraph (2) of section 5111(c)  
3 of title 38, United States Code, is amended to read as  
4 follows:

5 “(2) In the case of a temporary increase in compensa-  
6 tion for hospitalization or treatment, the period of pay-  
7 ment shall commence on the first day of the month in  
8 which such hospitalization or treatment commences.”.

9 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by  
10 subsection (a) shall apply to periods of hospitalization or  
11 treatment beginning on or after the date of the enactment  
12 of this Act.

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