

107<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 440

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 6, 2001

Mr. FILNER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Armed Services

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. TRANSPORTATION ON MILITARY AIRCRAFT ON**  
2 **A SPACE-AVAILABLE BASIS FOR VETERANS**  
3 **WITH A SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY**  
4 **RATED 50 PERCENT OR MORE.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—(1) Chapter 157 of title 10,  
6 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the  
7 following new section:

8 **“§ 2647. Space-available travel on Department of De-**  
9 **fense aircraft: veterans with service-con-**  
10 **nected disabilities rated 50 percent or**  
11 **more**

12 “The Secretary of Defense shall provide transpor-  
13 tation on Department of Defense aircraft on a space-avail-  
14 able bases for veterans with service-connected disabilities  
15 rated by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs as 50 percent  
16 or more disabling, and for the dependents of such vet-  
17 erans, on the same basis as such transportation is pro-  
18 vided to members of the armed forces entitled to retired  
19 or retainer pay and their dependents.”.

20 (2) The table of sections at the beginning of such  
21 chapter is amended by adding at the end the following  
22 new item:

“2647. Space-available travel on Department of Defense aircraft: veterans with  
service-connected disabilities rated 50 percent or more .”.

23 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Section 2647 of title 10,  
24 United States Code, as added by subsection (a), shall take

1 effect at the end of the 90-day period beginning on the  
2 date of the enactment of this Act.

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