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DRIVE Act of 2025

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Latest Action: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 119-86. (May 21, 2025)

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** VT • **Chamber:** Senate

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Sen. Fetterman, John [D-PA]	D · PA		Jun 10, 2025
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Jul 29, 2025
Sen. Warnock, Raphael G. [D-GA]	D · GA		Sep 16, 2025
Sen. Alsobrooks, Angela D. [D-MD]	D · MD		Oct 1, 2025

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	May 21, 2025

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 HR 1288	Identical bill	Apr 11, 2025: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Summary (as of Feb 13, 2025)

Driver Reimbursement Increase for Veteran Equity Act of 2025 or the DRIVE Act of 2025

This bill increases the mileage reimbursement rate available to beneficiaries for travel to or from Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) facilities in connection with vocational rehabilitation, required counseling, or for the purpose of examination, treatment, or care. Specifically, the bill makes the reimbursement rate for such travel equal to or greater than the mileage reimbursement rate for government employees using private vehicles when no government vehicle is available.

The bill also requires the VA to ensure that an allowance based on mileage is paid not later than 90 days after the request is properly submitted to the VA.

