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119<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION**S. 1726**

[Report No. 119-\_\_\_\_\_] ]

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 13, 2025

Mr. TUBERVILLE (for himself, Ms. HIRONO, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BANKS, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. KING, and Mr. ROUNDS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs

\_\_\_\_\_ (legislative day, \_\_\_\_\_), \_\_\_\_\_

Reported by Mr. MORAN, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italie*]

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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,*

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3 Services to Improve Safe Transportation Act of 2025” or  
4 the “ASSIST Act of 2025”.

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15 “(ii) raised doors or lowered floors;

16 “(iii) raised roofs;

17 “(iv) air conditioning;

18 “(v) occupied and unoccupied mobility  
19 lifts;

20 “(vi) ingress or egress accessibility modi-  
21 fications;

22 “(vii) wheelchair tiedowns; and

23 “(viii) adapted seating.”

1 **SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF CERTAIN LIMITS ON PAYMENTS OF**  
2 **PENSION.**

3 Section ~~5503(d)(7)~~ of title 38, United States Code,  
4 is amended by striking “November 30, 2031” and insert-  
5 ing “September 30, 2032”.

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