

112TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the furnishing of benefits for homeless veterans who are women or who have dependents, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. HELLER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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. IMPROVEMENTS TO BENEFITS FOR HOMELESS**
4 **VETERANS WHO ARE WOMEN OR HAVE DE-**
5 **PENDENTS.**

6 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF PER DIEM PAYMENTS FOR
7 FURNISHING CARE TO DEPENDENTS OF CERTAIN HOME-
8 LESS VETERANS.—Section 2012(a) of title 38, United

1 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
2 lowing new paragraph:

3 “(4) Services for which a recipient of a grant under
4 section 2011 of this title (or an entity described in para-
5 graph (1)) may receive per diem payments under this sub-
6 section may include furnishing care for a dependent of a
7 homeless veteran who is under the care of such homeless
8 veteran while such homeless veteran receives services from
9 the grant recipient (or entity).”.

10 (b) MINIMUM EXPENDITURES ON GRANT PROGRAM
11 FOR HOMELESS VETERANS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS, IN-
12 CLUDING WOMEN VETERANS.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 2061(c) of such title
14 is amended by adding at the end the following new
15 paragraph:

16 “(3) The Secretary shall ensure that the total amount
17 of grants awarded under subsection (a) in a year is not
18 less than the amount that is 15 percent of the total
19 amount of grants awarded under section 2011 of this title
20 in that year.”.

21 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Paragraph (1)
22 of such section is amended—

23 (A) by striking “for ‘Medical Services’ for
24 each” and inserting the following: “for ‘Medical
25 Services’—

1 “(A) for each”;

2 (B) in subparagraph (A), as designated by
3 subparagraph (A), by striking the period at the
4 end and inserting “; and”; and

5 (C) by adding at the end the following new
6 subparagraph:

7 “(B) for fiscal year 2013 and each fiscal year
8 thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the
9 purposes of the program under this section.”.