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117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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To amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the eligibility of veterans who may receive self-employment assistance under the Veteran Readiness and Employment program of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. LEVIN of California introduced the following bill; which was 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Veteran Eligibility for
5 Necessities To Undertake Rewarding Entrepreneurship
6 Act” or the “VENTURE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR SELF-EMPLOY-**
2 **MENT ASSISTANCE UNDER VETERAN READI-**
3 **NESS AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM.**

4 (a) **EXPANSION OF ELIGIBILITY.**—Paragraph (12) of
5 subsection (a) of section 3104 of title 38, United States
6 Code, is amended to read as follows:

7 “(12) Such license fees and essential equip-
8 ment, supplies, and minimum stocks of materials as
9 the Secretary determines to be necessary for a vet-
10 eran to begin self-employment and are within the
11 criteria and cost limitations that the Secretary shall
12 prescribe in regulations for the furnishing of such
13 fees, equipment, supplies, and stocks.”.

14 (b) **PRIORITY.**—Subsection (c)(1) of such section is
15 amended by inserting before the first period the following:
16 “, including with respect to providing priority for services
17 under subsection (a)(12) to veterans with the most severe
18 service-connected disabilities who require homebound
19 training or self-employment, or both homebound training
20 and self-employment”.

21 (c) **TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.**—Section 3117 of
22 such title is amended—

23 (1) in subsection (a)(2)(C), by striking “this
24 clause” and inserting “this subparagraph”; and

25 (2) in subsection (b)—

1 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “insure”
2 and inserting “ensure”; and

3 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “clause”
4 both places it appears and inserting “para-
5 graph”.