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117TH CONGRESS  
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**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain legatees of certain veterans eligible for housing loans guaranteed by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M. \_\_\_\_\_ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “VA Housing Loan For-  
5 ever Act of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. TRANSFER OF ELIGIBILITY OF CERTAIN VETERANS**  
2 **FOR HOUSING LOANS GUARANTEED BY THE**  
3 **SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO CER-**  
4 **TAIN LEGATEES.**

5 (a) TRANSFER OF BENEFITS.—Chapter 37 of title  
6 38, United States Code, is amended by inserting after sec-  
7 tion 3736 the following new section (and conforming the  
8 table of sections at the beginning of such chapter accord-  
9 ingly):

10 **“§ 3737. Authority to transfer housing loan benefits to**  
11 **legatees**

12 “(a) BENEFIT TRANSFERRED FROM A LIVING VET-  
13 ERAN.—(1) During the ten-year period beginning one year  
14 after the date of the enactment of this section, a veteran  
15 described in paragraph (2) may elect to transfer the hous-  
16 ing loan benefits of the veteran to a legatee of the veteran.

17 “(2) A veteran described in this paragraph is a vet-  
18 eran who did not receive a housing loan benefit under this  
19 chapter during the lifetime of the veteran.

20 “(b)(1) BENEFIT TRANSFERRED FROM A DECEASED  
21 VETERAN.—The Secretary may transfer the housing loan  
22 benefits of a veteran described in paragraph (2) to an indi-  
23 vidual if—

24 “(A) the individual files a claim with the Sec-  
25 retary for purposes of this subsection during the

1 five-year period beginning one year after the date of  
2 the enactment of this section; and

3 “(B) the Secretary determines that the indi-  
4 vidual is a legatee of such veteran.

5 “(2) A veteran described in this paragraph is a vet-  
6 eran who—

7 “(A) is deceased;

8 “(B) died before the end of the period described  
9 in paragraph (1);

10 “(C) died before the individual filed the claim  
11 described in paragraph (1);

12 “(D) did not receive a housing loan benefit  
13 under this chapter during the lifetime of the veteran;  
14 and

15 “(E) did not elect to transfer such housing loan  
16 benefit pursuant to subsection (a) before dying.

17 “(c) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—(1) A legatee to  
18 whom housing loan benefits are transferred pursuant to  
19 this section—

20 “(A) shall be treated as a veteran for purposes  
21 of housing loans under this chapter; and

22 “(B) may use such housing loan benefits with-  
23 out regard to the periods specified in subsections (a)  
24 and (b).

1       “(2) Each legatee described in paragraph (1) shall  
2 receive the full housing loan benefits of the veteran from  
3 whom such benefits are transferred.

4       “(d) PAYMENT OF CERTAIN FEES.—A legatee to  
5 whom housing loan benefits are transferred pursuant to  
6 this section may not be exempt from paying a fee under  
7 section 3729(c) of this title.

8       “(e) LEGATEE DEFINED.—In this section, the term  
9 ‘legatee’ includes, with regards to a veteran—

10           “(1) a spouse or surviving spouse;

11           “(2) a biological or legally adopted child;

12           “(3) a grandchild; and

13           “(4) any other direct descendant.”.

14       (a) EXPANSION OF DEFINITION OF VETERAN FOR  
15 PURPOSES OF HOUSING LOAN BENEFITS.—Section  
16 3701(b) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by  
17 adding at the end the following new paragraph:

18           “(8) The term ‘veteran’ also includes, for pur-  
19 poses of housing loans, a legatee entitled to housing  
20 loan benefits pursuant to section 3737 of this title.”.

21       (b) EXPANSION OF ELIGIBILITY.—Section  
22 3702(a)(2) of such title is amended by adding at the end  
23 the following new subparagraph:

24           “(H) Each legatee entitled to housing loan ben-  
25 efits pursuant to section 3737 of this title.”.

1           (c) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 180 days after  
2 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of  
3 Veterans Affairs shall prescribe regulations to carry out  
4 the amendments made by this section.