

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 1669
OFFERED BY MR. TAKANO OF CALIFORNIA**

Page 20, after line 15, insert the following new section (and redesignate the subsequent section accordingly):

**1 SEC. 8. TEMPORARY AUTHORIZATION FOR SECRETARY OF
2 VETERANS AFFAIRS TO USE OF CERTAIN
3 FUNDS FOR IMPROVED FLEXIBILITY IN AS-
4 SISTANCE TO HOMELESS VETERANS.**

5 (a) USE OF FUNDS.—The Secretary of Veterans Af-
6 fairs may use amounts appropriated or otherwise made
7 available to the Department of Veterans Affairs to carry
8 out section 2011, 2012, 2031, or 2061 of title 38, United
9 States Code, to provide to a covered veteran, as the Sec-
10 retary determines necessary—

11 (1) assistance required for the safety and sur-
12 vival of the veteran (such as food, shelter, clothing,
13 blankets, and hygiene items);

14 (2) transportation required to support the sta-
15 bility and health of the veteran (such as transpor-
16 tation for appointments with service providers, the
17 conduct of housing searches, and the obtainment of
18 food and supplies);

1 (3) communications equipment and services
2 (such as tablets, smartphones, disposable phones,
3 and related service plans) required to support the
4 stability and health of the veteran (such as through
5 the maintenance of contact with service providers,
6 prospective landlords, and family members); and

7 (4) such other assistance as the Secretary de-
8 termines necessary.

9 (b) HOMELESS VETERANS ON DEPARTMENT OF VET-
10 ERANS AFFAIRS LAND.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may collabo-
12 rate, to the extent practicable, with one or more or-
13 ganizations to manage the use of land of the Depart-
14 ment of Veterans Affairs for homeless veterans for
15 living and sleeping.

16 (2) FORMS OF COLLABORATION.—Collaboration
17 under paragraph (1) may include the provision by ei-
18 ther the Secretary or the head of the organization
19 concerned of food services and security for property,
20 buildings, and other facilities owned or controlled by
21 the Department of Veterans Affairs.

22 (c) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than one year
23 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
24 shall submit to Congress a report that includes, with re-
25 spect to the period covered by such report—

1 (1) a statement, disaggregated by each medical
2 center of the Department of Veterans Affairs, of the
3 amount of funds under this section—

4 (A) each such medical center requested
5 from the Secretary; and

6 (B) to which the Secretary provided each
7 such medical center;

8 (2) data, disaggregated by each such medical
9 center, relating to how each such medical center
10 used amounts provided by the Secretary under this
11 section;

12 (3) the number of covered veterans to which the
13 Secretary provided assistance under this section;

14 (4) the total amount of assistance the Secretary
15 provided covered veterans pursuant to subsection
16 (a)(2) for ridesharing;

17 (5) the number of covered veterans who re-
18 ceived such assistance; and

19 (6) a description, for each rideshare used by a
20 covered veteran with such assistance, of the reasons
21 such covered veteran used such rideshare.

22 (d) SUNSET.—The authority under this section shall
23 terminate on September 30, 2024.

24 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the term “covered
25 veteran” means—

- 1 (1) a homeless veteran; and
- 2 (2) a veteran participating in the program car-
- 3 ried out under section 8(o)(19) of the United States
- 4 Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)(19)).

Page 20, line 20, strike “April 30” and insert “May
3”.

