

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
TO H.R. 3726  
OFFERED BY MRS. MILLER-MEEKS OF IOWA**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Fisher House Avail-  
3 ability Act of 2026”.

**4 SEC. 2. AVAILABILITY OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-  
5 FAIRS TEMPORARY LODGING TO CERTAIN IN-  
6 DIVIDUALS.**

7       Section 1708 of title 38, United States Code, is  
8 amended—

9           (1) in subsection (a), by striking “in connection  
10 with” and all that follows through the period at the  
11 end and inserting “in accordance with this section.”;

12           (2) in subsection (b)—

13                   (A) in paragraph (2)—

14                           (i) by inserting “described in para-  
15 graph (1)” after “family of a veteran”;

16                           and

17                           (ii) by inserting “such” after “accom-  
18 pany”; and

1 (B) by adding at the end the following new  
2 paragraphs:

3 “(3) On a space-available basis, a covered bene-  
4 ficiary who must travel a significant distance to re-  
5 ceive care or services at a Department or non-De-  
6 partment facility.

7 “(4) On a space-available basis, a member of  
8 the family of a covered beneficiary described in para-  
9 graph (3) and others who accompany such a covered  
10 beneficiary who is receiving care or services and pro-  
11 vide the equivalent of familial support for such bene-  
12 ficiary when the covered beneficiary or the family  
13 member is traveling to receive care or services at a  
14 Department or non-Department facility.

15 “(5) On a space-available basis, a veteran and  
16 a member of the family of a veteran and others who  
17 must travel a significant distance for a member of  
18 the veteran’s family to receive care or services at a  
19 Department or non-Department facility.

20 “(6) On a space available basis, a covered bene-  
21 ficiary and a member of the family of a covered ben-  
22 eficiary and others who must travel a significant dis-  
23 tance for a member of the covered beneficiary’s fam-  
24 ily to receive care or services at a Department or  
25 non-Department facility.”;

1           (3) by striking subsection (c) and redesignating  
2           subsections (d) and (e) as subsections (c) and (d),  
3           respectively;

4           (4) in subsection (d), as so redesignated—

5           (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “sub-  
6           section (d)” and inserting “subsection (c)”;

7           (B) in paragraph (3), by striking “under  
8           subsection (b)(2)” and inserting “or a covered  
9           beneficiary under subsection (b)”;

10          (C) in paragraph (4), by striking “and”  
11          after the semicolon;

12          (D) by redesignating paragraph (5) as  
13          paragraph (6); and

14          (E) by inserting after paragraph (4) the  
15          following new paragraph (5):

16          “(5) establishing criteria for providing access to  
17          temporary lodging facilities on a space-available  
18          basis under paragraphs (3) through (6) of sub-  
19          section (b); and”;

20          (5) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
21          section:

22          “(e) In this section:

23                 “(1) The term ‘covered beneficiary’ means a  
24                 member of the uniformed services performing active  
25                 duty.

1           “(2) The term ‘Fisher house’ means a housing  
2           facility that—

3                   “(A) is located at, or in proximity to, a  
4           Department medical facility;

5                   “(B) is available for residential use on a  
6           temporary basis by patients of that facility and  
7           others described in subsection (b); and

8                   “(C) is constructed by, and donated to the  
9           Secretary by, the Zachary and Elizabeth M.  
10          Fisher Armed Services Foundation or the Fish-  
11          er House Foundation, Inc.”.

12 **SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF CERTAIN LIMITS ON PAYMENTS OF**  
13 **PENSION.**

14          Section 5503(d)(7) of title 38, United States Code,  
15 is amended by striking “January 31, 2033” and inserting  
16 “March 31, 2033”.

        Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to amend title  
38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Vet-  
erans Affairs to make temporary lodging facilities of the  
Department of Veterans Affairs available for certain indi-  
viduals on a space available basis, and for other pur-  
poses.”.

