

**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 “July 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.”.

