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117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. EXPANSION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR SELF-EM-**  
2 **PLOYMENT ASSISTANCE UNDER VETERAN**  
3 **READINESS 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”.