

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
TO H.R. 645  
OFFERED BY MR. LEVIN OF CALIFORNIA**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Healthy Foundations  
3 for Homeless Veterans Act”.

**4 SEC. 2. TEMPORARY AUTHORIZATION FOR SECRETARY OF  
5 VETERANS AFFAIRS TO USE OF CERTAIN  
6 FUNDS FOR IMPROVED FLEXIBILITY IN AS-  
7 SISTANCE TO HOMELESS VETERANS.**

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

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

17 (2) transportation required to support the sta-  
18 bility and health of the veteran (such as transpor-

1 tation for appointments with service providers, the  
2 conduct of housing searches, and the obtainment of  
3 food and supplies);

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

10 (4) such other assistance as the Secretary de-  
11 termines necessary.

12 (b) HOMELESS VETERANS ON DEPARTMENT OF VET-  
13 ERANS AFFAIRS LAND.—

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

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

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

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

8 (A) each such medical center requested  
9 from the Secretary; and

10 (B) to which the Secretary provided each  
11 such medical center;

12 (2) data, disaggregated by each such medical  
13 center, relating to how each such medical used  
14 amounts provided by the Secretary under this sec-  
15 tion;

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

18 (4) the total amount of assistance the Secretary  
19 provided covered veterans pursuant to subsection  
20 (a)(2) for ridesharing;

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

23 (6) a description, for each rideshare used by a  
24 covered veteran with such assistance, of the reasons  
25 such covered veteran used such rideshare.

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

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

5 (1) a homeless veteran; and

6 (2) a veteran participating in the program car-  
7 ried out under section 8(o)(19) of the United States  
8 Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)(19)).

