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118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M____. _____ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. EXPANSION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR HOMELESS-**
4 **NESS BENEFITS UNDER LAWS ADMINISTERED**
5 **BY THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

6 (a) EXPANSION.—Section 2002 of title 38, United
7 States Code, is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a)—

2 (A) by striking “(a) IN GENERAL.—”; and

3 (B) by adding at the end the following new
4 paragraphs:

5 “(3) The term ‘veteran’ includes a person who
6 was discharged or released from a period of service
7 as a member of the uniformed services—

8 “(A) under conditions other than—

9 “(i) dishonorable; or

10 “(ii) by reason of the sentence of a
11 general court-martial; and

12 “(B) regardless of—

13 “(i) the length of such period of serv-
14 ice;

15 “(ii) whether such service was active
16 duty;

17 “(iii) whether such person currently
18 serves as a member of the uniformed serv-
19 ices; and

20 “(iv) whether such person was dis-
21 charged or released from another period of
22 service under conditions described in clause
23 (i) or (ii) of subparagraph (A).

1 “(4) The term ‘uniformed services’ has the
2 meaning given such term in section 101 of title 10.”;
3 and

4 (2) by striking subsection (b).

5 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

6 (1) CERTAIN SERVICE DEEMED TO BE ACTIVE
7 SERVICE.—Section 106(b) of such title is amended,
8 in the matter following paragraph (3), by inserting
9 “20,” after “19,”.

10 (2) MINIMUM ACTIVE-DUTY SERVICE REQUIRE-
11 MENT.—Section 5303A(b)(3)(F) of such title is
12 amended by striking “section 2011, 2012, 2013,
13 2044, or 2061” and inserting “chapter 20”.