

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

116<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “\_\_\_\_\_”  
5 Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. PRIORITY IN AWARD OF SPECIALLY ADAPTED**  
2 **HOUSING GRANTS TO SERIOUSLY ILL VET-**  
3 **ERANS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2101 of title 38, United  
5 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
6 lowing new subsection:

7 “(d) PRIORITY FOR SERIOUSLY ILL VETERANS.—(1)  
8 In providing assistance under this section, the Secretary  
9 shall give priority to seriously ill veterans.

10 “(2) In this section, the term ‘seriously ill veteran’  
11 shall have the same meaning given that term for purposes  
12 of an appeal under section 7107 of this title.”.

13 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
14 subsection (a) shall take effect on October 1, 2020, and  
15 apply with respect to assistance provided on or after that  
16 date.

17 **SEC. 3. INCREASE IN AMOUNTS OF ASSISTANCE PROVIDED.**

18 (a) ELIMINATION OF LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF  
19 GRANTS PER VETERAN.—Section 2102(d) of such title is  
20 amended by striking paragraph (3).

21 (b) INCREASE IN NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS AU-  
22 THORIZED TO BE APPROVED.—Section 2101(a)(4) of  
23 such title is amended by striking “30 applications” and  
24 inserting “120 applications”.

25 (c) INCREASE IN AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF ASSIST-  
26 ANCE FOR ACQUISITION OF HOUSING WITH SPECIAL

1 FEATURES.—Section 2102(d)(1) of such title is amended  
2 by striking “\$63,780” and inserting “\$101,350”.

3 (d) INCREASE IN AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF ASSIST-  
4 ANCE FOR ADAPTATIONS TO VETERANS’ RESIDENCES.—  
5 Section 2102(d)(2) of such title is amended by striking  
6 “\$12,756” and inserting “\$20,271”.

7 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
8 this section shall take effect on October 1, 2020.

9 **SEC. 4. PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS OF SPE-**  
10 **CIALLY ADAPTED HOUSING ASSISTANCE FOR**  
11 **CERTAIN VETERANS.**

12 Section 2102 of such title is amended by adding at  
13 the end the following new subsection:

14 “(f)(1) Notwithstanding the aggregate amounts spec-  
15 ified in subsection (d), a covered veteran may apply for  
16 and receive an additional amount of assistance under sub-  
17 section (a) or (b) of section 2101 of this title in an amount  
18 that does not exceed half of the amount specified in sub-  
19 section (d).

20 “(2) In this subsection, a covered veteran is a veteran  
21 who—

22 “(A) is described in section 2101(a)(2) of this  
23 title;

24 “(B) first receives assistance under this chapter  
25 on or after October 1, 2020;

1           “(C) as of the date of the veteran’s application  
2           for assistance under paragraph (1), most recently  
3           received assistance under this chapter more than ten  
4           years before such date; and

5           “(D) lives in a home that was not acquired or  
6           adapted using assistance under this chapter or in a  
7           home that the Secretary determines does not have  
8           adaptations that are reasonably necessary because of  
9           the veteran’s disability.”.