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To amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the services provided for homeless veterans under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FILNER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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 “End Veteran Home-
5 lessness Act of 2011”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN AMOUNT AUTHORIZED TO BE APPRO-**
2 **PRIATED FOR COMPREHENSIVE SERVICE**
3 **PROGRAMS FOR HOMELESS VETERANS.**

4 Section 2013 of title 38, United States Code, is
5 amended—

6 (1) by striking “fiscal year 2007” and inserting
7 “fiscal year 2011”; and

8 (2) by striking “\$150,000,000” and inserting
9 “\$200,000,000”.

10 **SEC. 3. IMPROVEMENT OF PAYMENTS FOR PROVIDING**
11 **SERVICES TO HOMELESS VETERANS.**

12 (a) IMPROVEMENT OF PAYMENTS.—Section 2012 of
13 title 38, United States Code, is amended—

14 (1) by striking “per diem” wherever it appears;

15 (2) in subsection (a)(2)—

16 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

17 (i) by striking “daily cost of care”
18 and inserting “annual cost of furnishing
19 services”; and

20 (ii) by striking the second sentence;

21 (B) by striking subparagraph (B) and in-
22 serting the following new subparagraph (B):

23 “(B) The Secretary shall annually adjust the rate of
24 payment under subparagraph (A) to reflect anticipated
25 changes in the cost of furnishing services and to take into
26 account the cost of providing services in a particular geo-

1 graphic area. The Secretary may set a maximum amount
2 payable to a grant recipient under this section.”;

3 (C) in subparagraph (C), by striking
4 “other sources of income” and all that follows
5 through the period at the end and inserting
6 “the cost of services provided by the grant re-
7 cipient as the Secretary may require to assist
8 the Secretary in making the determination
9 under subparagraph (A)”;

10 (D) by striking subparagraph (D) and in-
11 serting the following new subparagraph (D):

12 “(D) In making the determination under subpara-
13 graph (A), the Secretary may consider the availability of
14 other sources of income, including payments to the grant
15 recipient or eligible entity for furnishing services to home-
16 less veterans under programs other than under this sub-
17 chapter, payments or grants from other departments or
18 agencies of the United States, from departments or agen-
19 cies of State or local governments, or from private entities
20 or organizations.”; and

21 (E) by adding at the end the following new
22 subparagraph:

23 “(E) The Secretary shall authorize payments under
24 this subsection to each grant recipient on an annual basis
25 but shall make a payment to each grant recipient for each

1 calendar quarter in an amount equal to a portion of the
2 annual amount authorized for such recipient. Upon the ex-
3 piration of a calendar quarter, each grant recipient shall
4 provide to the Secretary a statement of the amount spent
5 by the recipient during that calendar quarter, and if the
6 amount spent is less than the amount provided for that
7 calendar quarter, repay to the Secretary the balance. If
8 the amount spent by a grant recipient for such purpose
9 for a calendar quarter exceeds the amount provided to the
10 recipient for that quarter, the Secretary shall make an ad-
11 ditional payment to the recipient in an amount equal to
12 the amount by which the amount so spent exceeded the
13 amount so provided, as long as the total amount provided
14 to such recipient in a calendar year does not exceed the
15 amount of the annual payment for that recipient.”;

16 (3) in subsection (a), by striking paragraph (3)
17 and inserting the following new paragraph (3):

18 “(3) Payments under this subsection to a grant re-
19 cipient or eligible entity may be used to match, or in com-
20 bination with, other payments or grants for which the re-
21 cipient or entity is eligible.”; and

22 (4) in subsection (c)—

23 (A) by striking paragraph (2); and

24 (B) by redesignating paragraph (3) as
25 paragraph (2).

1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

2 (1) SECTION HEADING.—The section heading
3 for such section is amended to read as follows:

4 **“§ 2012. Payments for furnishing services to homeless
5 veterans”.**

6 (2) SUBSECTION HEADING.—The heading for
7 subsection (a) of such section is amended by striking
8 “PER DIEM”.

9 (3) TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The table of sections
10 at the beginning of chapter 20 of such title is
11 amended by striking the item relating to section
12 2012 and inserting the following new item:

“2012. Payments for furnishing services to homeless veterans.”.

13 **SEC. 4. SUPPORTED HOUSING PROGRAM OUTREACH.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 20 of title 38, United
15 States Code, is further amended by adding at the end of
16 subchapter III the following new section:

17 **“§ 2024. Supported housing program outreach**

18 “(a) LANDLORD OUTREACH.—(1) The Secretary
19 shall ensure that each medical center of the Department
20 that provides treatment and services under the supported
21 housing program under section 8(o)(19) of the United
22 States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)(19)) em-
23 ploys or provides (through coordination with a public
24 housing agency, homeless service provider, or other appro-
25 priate organization) one or more specialists, which may

1 include peer specialists who were formerly homeless vet-
2 erans, for handling housing issues in conjunction with the
3 program under this subsection.

4 “(2) Such specialists shall conduct outreach to land-
5 lords to encourage and facilitate participation in the sup-
6 portive housing program, mediate disputes between vet-
7 erans receiving assistance under such program and land-
8 lords, establish and maintain a list of dwelling units avail-
9 able for rental with assistance under such program, and
10 carry out other appropriate activities.

11 “(b) HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION AND RAPID RE-
12 HOUSING ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary shall coordinate
13 with the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
14 to provide assistance to homeless veterans in accessing the
15 Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program
16 administered by the Secretary of Housing and Urban De-
17 velopment for assistance for basic essentials, security de-
18 posits for rental dwelling units, and advance payments of
19 the first month’s rent for such units.”.

20 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
21 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding
22 at the end of the items relating to subchapter III the fol-
23 lowing new item:

“2024. Supported housing program outreach.”.

1 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR DE-**
2 **PARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS PROGRAM**
3 **TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR**
4 **SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR VERY LOW-IN-**
5 **COME VETERAN FAMILIES IN PERMANENT**
6 **HOUSING.**

7 Section 2044(e) of title 38, United States Code, is
8 amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (1)—

10 (A) by striking “subsection” and inserting
11 “subsections”; and

12 (B) by adding at the end the following new
13 subparagraphs:

14 “(D) \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2012.

15 “(E) \$75,000,000 for fiscal year 2013.

16 “(F) \$100,000,000 for each subsequent fiscal
17 year.”; and

18 (2) in paragraph (3), by striking “each of the
19 fiscal years 2009 through 2011” and inserting “each
20 fiscal year”.

1 **SEC. 6. PROMOTION OF AWARENESS OF DEPARTMENT OF**
2 **VETERANS AFFAIRS PROGRAMS TO ASSIST**
3 **HOMELESS VETERANS AMONG HOMELESS**
4 **WOMEN VETERANS AND HOMELESS VET-**
5 **ERANS WITH CHILDREN.**

6 Section 532 of title 38, United States Code, is
7 amended by inserting after “homeless veterans” the fol-
8 lowing: “(with a special emphasis on promoting awareness
9 of such assistance among homeless women veterans and
10 homeless veterans with children)”.

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