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To require that a portion of the amounts made available for housing programs for the homeless be used for housing for homeless veterans.

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Mr. METCALF introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services

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 “Robert Stodola Home-
5 less Veterans Assistance Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITION.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle A of title IV of the Stew-
8 art B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
9 11361 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the follow-
10 ing new section:

1 **“SEC. 402. DEFINITION OF VETERAN.**

2 “For purposes of this title, the term ‘veteran’ has the
3 meaning given such term in section 101 of title 38, United
4 States Code.”.

5 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
6 in section 101(b) of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless
7 Assistance Act is amended by inserting after the item re-
8 lating to section 401 the following new item:

“Sec. 402. Definition of veteran.”.

9 **SEC. 3. EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANTS PROGRAM.**

10 Section 413 of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless
11 Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11373) is amended by adding
12 at the end the following new subsection:

13 “(f) VETERANS’ SHARE.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Each metropolitan city,
15 urban county, State, and Indian tribe for which as-
16 sistance under this subtitle is provided shall ensure
17 that not less than 20 percent of the total amount re-
18 ceived by the city, county, State, or tribe in each fis-
19 cal year shall be used for eligible activities benefiting
20 homeless persons who are veterans.

21 “(2) EXCEPTION.—Upon the request of a met-
22 ropolitan city, urban county, State, or Indian tribe,
23 the Secretary may, with respect to a fiscal year,
24 waive the requirement under paragraph (1) or re-
25 duce the percentage under such paragraph for the

1 city, county, State, or tribe if the city, county, State,
2 or tribe demonstrates to the Secretary that, but for
3 such waiver or reduction, amounts of assistance
4 under this subtitle for the city, county, State, or
5 tribe will remain unused for an unreasonable period
6 of time.”.

7 **SEC. 4. SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM.**

8 (a) **SELECTION CRITERIA.**—Section 426(b) of the
9 Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
10 11386(b)) is amended—

11 (1) in paragraph (6) by striking “and” at the
12 end;

13 (2) by redesignating paragraph (7) as para-
14 graph (8); and

15 (3) by inserting after paragraph (6) the follow-
16 ing new paragraph:

17 “(7) such factors as the Secretary considers
18 necessary to ensure compliance with the require-
19 ments under section 429(b)(4); and”.

20 (b) **VETERANS’ SHARE.**—Section 429(b) of the Stew-
21 art B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
22 11389(b)) is amended—

23 (1) in paragraph (2) by striking “and” at the
24 end;

1 (2) in paragraph (3) by striking the period at
2 the end and inserting “; and”; and

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

5 “(4) not less than 20 percent shall be allocated
6 for use only for projects and supportive services ben-
7 efiting homeless persons who are veterans; except
8 that the Secretary may, with respect to a fiscal year,
9 waive the requirement under this paragraph or re-
10 duce the percentage if the Secretary determines
11 (based on approvable applications submitted for as-
12 sistance under this subtitle) that, but for such waiv-
13 er or reduction, amounts appropriated for such fiscal
14 year to carry out this subtitle will remain unused for
15 an unreasonable period of time.”.

16 **SEC. 5. SAFE HAVENS FOR HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS DEM-**
17 **ONSTRATION PROGRAM.**

18 (a) **SELECTION CRITERIA.**—Section 434(c) of the
19 Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
20 11394(c)) is amended—

21 (1) in paragraph (6) by striking “and” at the
22 end;

23 (2) by redesignating paragraph (7) as para-
24 graph (8); and

1 (3) by inserting after paragraph (6) the follow-
2 ing new paragraph:

3 “(7) such factors as the Secretary considers
4 necessary to ensure compliance with the require-
5 ments under subsection (e); and”.

6 (b) VETERANS’ SHARE.—Section 434 of the Stewart
7 B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act is amended by add-
8 ing at the end the following new subsection:

9 “(e) VETERANS’ SHARE.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In making grants to appli-
11 cants under this subtitle, the Secretary shall ensure
12 that not less than 20 percent of the amount made
13 available for each fiscal year to carry out this sub-
14 title is used for eligible activities benefiting homeless
15 persons who are veterans.

16 “(2) EXCEPTION.—The Secretary may, with re-
17 spect to a fiscal year, waive the requirement under
18 paragraph (1) or reduce the percentage under such
19 paragraph if the Secretary determines (based on ap-
20 provable applications submitted for assistance under
21 this subtitle) that, but for such waiver or reduction,
22 amounts made available for such fiscal year to carry
23 out this subtitle will remain unused for an unreason-
24 able period of time.”.

1 **SEC. 6. SECTION 8 PROGRAM FOR SINGLE ROOM OCCU-**
2 **PANCY DWELLINGS.**

3 (a) **SELECTION CRITERIA.**—The first sentence of sec-
4 tion 441(c) of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assist-
5 ance Act (42 U.S.C. 11401(c)) is amended by inserting
6 before the period the following: “, while ensuring compli-
7 ance with the requirements under subsection (k)”.

8 (b) **VETERANS’ SHARE.**—Section 441 of the Stewart
9 B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act is amended by add-
10 ing at the end the following new subsection:

11 “(k) **VETERANS’ SHARE.**—

12 “(1) **IN GENERAL.**—In allocating amounts to
13 applicants under this section, the Secretary shall en-
14 sure that not less than 20 percent of the amounts
15 made available for each fiscal year to carry out this
16 section are used for assistance benefiting homeless
17 persons who are veterans.

18 “(2) **EXCEPTION.**—The Secretary may, with re-
19 spect to a fiscal year, waive the requirement under
20 paragraph (1) or reduce the percentage under such
21 paragraph if the Secretary determines (based on ap-
22 provable applications submitted for assistance under
23 this section) that, but for such waiver or reduction,
24 amounts made available for such fiscal year to carry
25 out this section will remain unused for an unreason-
26 able period of time.”.

1 **SEC. 7. SHELTER PLUS CARE PROGRAM.**

2 (a) **SELECTION CRITERIA.**—Section 455(a) of the
3 Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
4 11403d(a)) is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (8) by striking “and” at the
6 end;

7 (2) by redesignating paragraph (9) as para-
8 graph (10); and

9 (3) by inserting after paragraph (8) the follow-
10 ing new paragraph:

11 “(9) such factors as the Secretary considers
12 necessary to ensure compliance with the require-
13 ments under subsection (d); and”.

14 (b) **VETERANS’ SHARE.**—Section 455 of the Stewart
15 B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act is amended by add-
16 ing at the end the following new subsection:

17 “(d) **VETERANS’ SHARE.**—

18 “(1) **IN GENERAL.**—In providing assistance to
19 applicants under this subtitle, the Secretary shall en-
20 sure that not less than 20 percent of the amount
21 made available for each fiscal year to carry out this
22 subtitle is used for rental assistance benefiting
23 homeless persons who are veterans.

24 “(2) **EXCEPTION.**—The Secretary may, with re-
25 spect to a fiscal year, waive the requirement under
26 paragraph (1) or reduce the percentage under such

1 paragraph if the Secretary determines (based on ap-
2 provable applications submitted for assistance under
3 this subtitle) that, but for such waiver or reduction,
4 amounts made available for such fiscal year to carry
5 out this subtitle will remain unused for an unreason-
6 able period of time.”.

7 **SEC. 8. RURAL HOMELESSNESS GRANT PROGRAM.**

8 Section 491(c) of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless
9 Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11408(c)) is amended by add-
10 ing at the end the following new paragraph:

11 “(4) VETERANS’ SHARE.—

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In awarding grants
13 under subsection (a) for a fiscal year, the Sec-
14 retary shall ensure that not less than 20 per-
15 cent of the amount made available for the fiscal
16 year for such grants is used for eligible activi-
17 ties under subsection (b) benefiting homeless
18 persons who are veterans.

19 “(B) EXCEPTION.—The Secretary may,
20 with respect to a fiscal year, waive the require-
21 ment under subparagraph (A) or reduce the
22 percentage under such subparagraph if the Sec-
23 retary determines (based on approvable applica-
24 tions submitted for grants under this section)
25 that, but for such waiver or reduction, amounts

1 made available for such fiscal year to carry out
2 this section will remain unused for an unrea-
3 sonable period of time.”.

4 **SEC. 9. INNOVATIVE HOMELESS INITIATIVES DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.**
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6 (a) **COMPREHENSIVE HOMELESS INITIATIVE.**—Sec-
7 tion 2(c)(5) of the HUD Demonstration Act of 1993 (42
8 U.S.C. 11301 note) is amended—

9 (1) in subparagraph (E) by striking “and” at
10 the end;

11 (2) by redesignating subparagraph (F) as sub-
12 paragraph (G); and

13 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (E) the fol-
14 lowing new subparagraph:

15 “(F) provides that not less than 20 percent
16 of the total amount received by the recipient
17 shall be used for projects and activities benefit-
18 ing homeless persons who are veterans; except
19 that, upon the request of a jurisdiction, the
20 Secretary may, with respect to a fiscal year,
21 waive the requirement under this subparagraph
22 or reduce the percentage for such recipient ju-
23 risdiction if the recipient demonstrates to the
24 Secretary that, but for such waiver or reduc-
25 tion, assistance amounts under this subsection

1 for the recipient for such fiscal year will remain
2 unused for an unreasonable period of time.”.

3 (b) INNOVATIVE PROJECT FUNDING.—

4 (1) SELECTION CRITERIA.—Section 2(d)(3) of
5 the HUD Demonstration Act of 1993 is amended—

6 (A) in subparagraph (D) by striking “and”
7 at the end;

8 (B) by redesignating subparagraph (E) as
9 subparagraph (F); and

10 (C) by inserting after subparagraph (D)
11 the following new subparagraph:

12 “(E) such factors as the Secretary consid-
13 ers necessary to ensure compliance with the re-
14 quirements under paragraph (4); and”.

15 (2) VETERANS’ SHARE.—Section 2(d) of the
16 HUD Demonstration Act of 1993 is amended by
17 adding at the end the following new paragraph:

18 “(4) VETERANS’ SHARE.—

19 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In awarding assist-
20 ance under this subsection for a fiscal year, the
21 Secretary shall ensure that not less than 20
22 percent of the amount made available for the
23 fiscal year for such assistance is used for
24 projects and activities benefiting homeless per-
25 sons who are veterans.

1 “(B) EXCEPTION.—The Secretary may,
2 with respect to a fiscal year, waive the require-
3 ment under subparagraph (A) or reduce the
4 percentage under such subparagraph if the Sec-
5 retary determines (based on approvable applica-
6 tions submitted for assistance under this sub-
7 section) that, but for such waiver or reduction,
8 amounts made available for such fiscal year to
9 carry out this subsection will remain unused for
10 an unreasonable period of time.”.

11 (c) DEFINITION.—Section 2(b) of the HUD Dem-
12 onstrations Act of 1993 is amended by adding at the end
13 the following new paragraph:

14 “(7) For purposes of this title, the term ‘vet-
15 eran’ has the meaning given such term in section
16 101 of title 38, United States Code.”.

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