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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS; REF-**  
 2 **ERENCES TO TITLE 38, UNITED STATES CODE.**

3 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the  
 4 “Stuart Collick—Heather French Henry Homeless Vet-  
 5 erans Assistance Act”.

6 (b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents of  
 7 this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents; references to title 38, United States Code.
- Sec. 2. Definitions.
- Sec. 3. National goal to end homelessness among veterans.
- Sec. 4. Sense of the Congress regarding the needs of homeless veterans and the responsibility of Federal agencies.
- Sec. 5. Consolidation and improvement of provisions of law relating to homeless veterans.
- Sec. 6. Evaluation of homeless programs.
- Sec. 7. Study of outcome effectiveness of grant program for homeless veterans with special needs.
- Sec. 8. Additional programmatic expansions.
- Sec. 9. Coordination of employment services.
- Sec. 10. Use of real property.
- Sec. 11. Meetings of Interagency Council on Homeless.
- Sec. 12. Rental assistance vouchers for HUD Veterans Affairs Supported Housing program.

8 (c) **REFERENCES TO TITLE 38 UNITED STATES**  
 9 **CODE.**—Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever  
 10 in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms  
 11 of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provi-  
 12 sion, the reference shall be considered to be made to a  
 13 section or other provision of title 38, United States Code.

14 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

15 For purposes of this Act:

16 (1) The term “homeless veteran” has the mean-  
 17 ing given such term in section 2002 of title 38,  
 18 United States Code, as added by section 5(a)(1).

1           (2) The term “grant and per diem provider”  
2           means an entity in receipt of a grant under section  
3           2011 or 2012 of title 38, United States Code.

4 **SEC. 3. NATIONAL GOAL TO END HOMELESSNESS AMONG**  
5 **VETERANS.**

6           (a) NATIONAL GOAL.—Congress hereby declares it to  
7           be a national goal to end chronic homelessness among vet-  
8           erans within a decade of the enactment of this Act.

9           (b) COOPERATIVE EFFORTS ENCOURAGED.—Con-  
10          gress hereby encourages all departments and agencies of  
11          Federal, State, and local governments, quasi-governmental  
12          organizations, private and public sector entities, including  
13          community-based organizations, faith-based organizations,  
14          and individuals to work cooperatively to end chronic home-  
15          lessness among veterans within a decade.

16 **SEC. 4. SENSE OF THE CONGRESS REGARDING THE NEEDS**  
17 **OF HOMELESS VETERANS AND THE RESPON-**  
18 **SIBILITY OF FEDERAL AGENCIES.**

19          It is the sense of the Congress that—

20               (1) homelessness is a significant problem in the  
21               veterans community and veterans are disproportion-  
22               ately represented among homeless men;

23               (2) While many effective programs assist home-  
24               less veterans to again become productive and self-  
25               sufficient members of society, current resources pro-

1 vided to such programs and other activities that as-  
2 sist homeless veterans are inadequate to provide all  
3 needed essential services, assistance, and support to  
4 homeless veterans;

5 (3) the most effective programs for the assist-  
6 ance of homeless veterans should be identified and  
7 expanded;

8 (4) federally funded programs for homeless vet-  
9 erans should be held accountable for achieving clear-  
10 ly defined results;

11 (5) Federal efforts to assist homeless veterans  
12 should include prevention of homelessness; and

13 (6) Federal agencies, particularly the Depart-  
14 ment of Veterans Affairs and the Department of  
15 Housing and Urban Development, should cooperate  
16 more fully to address the problem of homelessness  
17 among veterans.

18 **SEC. 5. CONSOLIDATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF PROVI-**  
19 **SIONS OF LAW RELATING TO HOMELESS VET-**  
20 **ERANS.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—(1) Part II is amended by insert-  
22 ing after chapter 19 the following new chapter:

23 **“CHAPTER 20—BENEFITS FOR HOMELESS**  
24 **VETERANS**

“SUBCHAPTER I—PURPOSE; DEFINITIONS; ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- “Sec.
- “2001. Purpose.
- “2002. Definitions.
- “2003. Staffing requirements.
- “2004. Employment assistance.

“SUBCHAPTER II—COMPREHENSIVE SERVICE PROGRAMS

- “2011. Grants.
- “2012. Per diem payments.
- “2013. Authorization of appropriations.

“SUBCHAPTER III—TRAINING AND OUTREACH

- “2021. Homeless veterans’ reintegration programs.
- “2022. Coordination of outreach services for veterans at risk of homelessness.
- “2023. Demonstration program relating to referral and counseling for veterans transitioning from certain institutions who are at risk for homelessness.

“SUBCHAPTER IV—TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION FOR SERIOUSLY MENTALLY ILL AND HOMELESS VETERANS

- “2031. General treatment.
- “2032. Therapeutic housing.
- “2033. Additional services at certain locations.
- “2034. Coordination with other agencies and organizations.

“SUBCHAPTER V—HOUSING ASSISTANCE

- “2041. Housing assistance for homeless veterans.
- “2042. Supported housing for veterans participating in compensated work therapies.
- “2043. Domiciliary care programs.

“SUBCHAPTER VI—LOAN GUARANTEE FOR MULTIFAMILY TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

- “2051. General authority.
- “2052. Requirements.
- “2053. Default.
- “2054. Audit.

“SUBCHAPTER VII—OTHER PROVISIONS

- “2061. Grant program for homeless veterans with special needs.
- “2062. Dental care.
- “2063. Technical assistance grants for nonprofit community-based groups.
- “2064. Annual report on assistance to homeless veterans.
- “2065. Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans.

1 “SUBCHAPTER I—PURPOSE; DEFINITIONS;  
2 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

3 **“§ 2001. Purpose**

4 “The purpose of this chapter is to provide for the  
5 special needs of homeless veterans.

6 **“§ 2002. Definitions**

7 “In this chapter:

8 “(1) The term ‘homeless veteran’ means a vet-  
9 eran who—

10 “(A) lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate  
11 nighttime residence; or

12 “(B) has a primary nighttime residence  
13 that is—

14 “(i) a supervised publicly or privately  
15 operated shelter designed to provide tem-  
16 porary living accommodations (including  
17 welfare hotels, congregate shelters, grant  
18 per diem shelters and transitional housing  
19 for the mentally ill);

20 “(ii) an institution that provides a  
21 temporary residence for individuals in-  
22 tended to be institutionalized; or

23 “(iii) a public or private place not de-  
24 signed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular  
25 sleeping accommodation for human beings.

1           “(2) The term ‘grant and per diem provider’  
2           means an entity in receipt of a grant under section  
3           2011 or 2012 of this title.

4   **“§ 2003. Staffing requirements**

5           “(a) VBA STAFFING AT REGIONAL OFFICES.—The  
6           Secretary shall ensure that there is assigned at each Vet-  
7           erans Benefits Administration regional office at least one  
8           employee assigned specifically to oversee and coordinate  
9           homeless veterans programs in that region. In any such  
10          regional office with at least 140 employees, there shall be  
11          at least one full-time employee assigned to such functions.  
12          The programs covered by such oversight and coordination  
13          include the following:

14               “(1) The housing program for veterans sup-  
15               ported by the Department of Housing and Urban  
16               Development.

17               “(2) Housing programs supported by the Sec-  
18               retary under this title or any other provision of law.

19               “(3) The homeless veterans reintegration pro-  
20               gram of the Department of Labor under section  
21               2021 of this title.

22               “(4) The programs under section 2033 of this  
23               title.

24               “(5) The assessments required by section 2034  
25               of this title.





1           “(C) Vocational counseling and training

2           “(D) Transitional housing assistance.

3           “(2) The authority of the Secretary to make grants  
4 under this section expires on September 30, 2005.

5           “(b) CRITERIA FOR AWARD OF GRANTS.—The Sec-  
6 retary shall establish criteria and requirements for the  
7 award of a grant under this section, including criteria for  
8 entities eligible to receive such grants, and shall publish  
9 such criteria and requirements in the Federal Register.  
10 The criteria established under this section shall include  
11 the following:

12           “(1) Specification as to the kinds of projects for  
13 which such grant support is available, which shall  
14 include—

15           “(A) expansion, remodeling, or alteration  
16 of existing buildings, or acquisition of facilities,  
17 for use as service centers, transitional housing,  
18 or other facilities to serve homeless veterans;  
19 and

20           “(B) procurement of vans for use in out-  
21 reach to, and transportation for, homeless vet-  
22 erans to carry out the purposes set forth in  
23 subsection (a).

24           “(2) Specification as to the number of projects  
25 for which grant support is available.

1           “(3) Appropriate criteria for the staffing for the  
2 provision of the services for which a grant under this  
3 section is furnished.

4           “(4) Provisions to ensure that the award of  
5 grants under this section—

6                 “(A) shall not result in duplication of on-  
7 going services; and

8                 “(B) to the maximum extent practicable,  
9 shall reflect appropriate geographic dispersion  
10 and an appropriate balance between urban and  
11 nonurban locations.

12           “(5) Provisions to ensure that an entity receiv-  
13 ing a grant shall meet fire and safety requirements  
14 established by the Secretary, which shall include—

15                 “(A) such State and community require-  
16 ments that may apply; and

17                 “(B) the fire and safety requirements ap-  
18 plicable under the Life Safety Code of the Na-  
19 tional Fire Protection Association.

20           “(6) Specifications as to the means by which an  
21 entity receiving a grant may contribute in-kind serv-  
22 ices to the start-up costs of any project for which  
23 support is sought and the methodology for assigning  
24 a cost to that contribution for purposes of subsection  
25 (c).

1       “(c) FUNDING LIMITATIONS.—A grant under this  
2 section may not be used to support operational costs. The  
3 amount of a grant under this section may not exceed 65  
4 percent of the estimated cost of the expansion, remodeling,  
5 alteration, acquisition, or procurement provided for under  
6 this section.

7       “(d) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—The Secretary may make  
8 a grant under this section to an entity applying for such  
9 a grant only if the applicant for the grant—

10           “(1) is a public or nonprofit private entity with  
11 the capacity (as determined by the Secretary) to ef-  
12 fectively administer a grant under this section;

13           “(2) has demonstrated that adequate financial  
14 support will be available to carry out the project for  
15 which the grant has been sought consistent with the  
16 plans, specifications, and schedule submitted by the  
17 applicant; and

18           “(3) has agreed to meet the applicable criteria  
19 and requirements established under subsections (b)  
20 and (g) (and the Secretary has determined that the  
21 applicant has demonstrated the capacity to meet  
22 those criteria and requirements).

23       “(e) APPLICATION REQUIREMENT.—An entity de-  
24 scribed in subsection (d) desiring to receive assistance

1 under this section shall submit to the Secretary an appli-  
2 cation. The application shall set forth the following:

3 “(1) The amount of the grant requested with  
4 respect to a project.

5 “(2) A description of the site for such project.

6 “(3) Plans, specifications, and the schedule for  
7 implementation of such project in accordance with  
8 requirements prescribed by the Secretary under sub-  
9 section (b).

10 “(4) Reasonable assurance that upon comple-  
11 tion of the work for which assistance is sought, the  
12 program will become operational and the facilities  
13 will be used principally to provide to veterans the  
14 services for which the project was designed, and that  
15 not more than 25 percent of the services provided  
16 will serve clients who are not receiving such services  
17 as veterans.

18 “(f) PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary may  
19 not make a grant to an applicant under this section unless  
20 the applicant, in the application for the grant, agrees to  
21 each of the following requirements:

22 “(1) To provide the services for which the grant  
23 is furnished at locations accessible to homeless vet-  
24 erans.

1           “(2) To maintain referral networks for, and aid  
2 homeless veterans in, establishing eligibility for as-  
3 sistance, and obtaining services, under available enti-  
4 tlement and assistance programs.

5           “(3) To ensure the confidentiality of records  
6 maintained on homeless veterans receiving services  
7 under the grant.

8           “(4) To establish such procedures for fiscal  
9 control and fund accounting as may be necessary to  
10 ensure proper disbursement and accounting with re-  
11 spect to the grant and to such payments as may be  
12 made under section 2012 of this title.

13           “(5) To seek to employ homeless veterans and  
14 formerly homeless veterans in positions created for  
15 purposes of the grant for which those veterans are  
16 qualified.

17           “(g) SERVICE CENTER REQUIREMENTS.—In addition  
18 to criteria established under subsection (b), the Secretary  
19 shall, in the case of an application for a grant for a service  
20 center for homeless veterans, require each of the following:

21           “(1) That such center provide services to home-  
22 less veterans during such hours as the Secretary  
23 may specify and be open to such veterans on an as-  
24 needed, unscheduled basis.

1           “(2) That space at such center will be made  
2           available, as mutually agreeable, for use by staff of  
3           the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Department  
4           of Labor, and other appropriate agencies and orga-  
5           nizations in assisting homeless veterans served by  
6           such center.

7           “(3) That such center be equipped and staffed  
8           to provide, or to assist in providing, health care,  
9           mental health services, hygiene facilities, benefits  
10          and employment counseling, meals, transportation  
11          assistance, and such other services as the Secretary  
12          determines necessary.

13          “(4) That such center may be equipped and  
14          staffed to provide, or to assist in providing, job  
15          training and job placement services (including job  
16          readiness, job counseling, and literacy and skills  
17          training), as well as any outreach and case manage-  
18          ment services that may be necessary to carry out  
19          this paragraph.

20          “(h) RECOVERY OF UNUSED GRANT FUNDS.—(1) If  
21          a grant recipient (or entity eligible for such a grant) under  
22          this section does not establish a program in accordance  
23          with this section or ceases to furnish services under such  
24          a program for which the grant was made, the United  
25          States shall be entitled to recover from such recipient or

1 entity the total of all unused grant amounts made under  
2 this section to such recipient or entity in connection with  
3 such program.

4 “(2) Any amount recovered by the United States  
5 under paragraph (1) may be obligated by the Secretary  
6 without fiscal year limitation to carry out provisions of  
7 this subchapter.

8 “(3) An amount may not be recovered under para-  
9 graph (1) as an unused grant amount before the end of  
10 the three-year period beginning on the date on which the  
11 grant is awarded.

12 **“§ 2012. Per diem payments**

13 “(a) PER DIEM PAYMENTS FOR FURNISHING SERV-  
14 ICES TO HOMELESS VETERANS.—(1) Subject to the avail-  
15 ability of appropriations provided for such purpose, the  
16 Secretary, pursuant to such criteria as the Secretary shall  
17 prescribe, shall provide to a recipient of a grant under sec-  
18 tion 2011 of this title (or an entity eligible to receive a  
19 grant under that section which after November 10, 1992,  
20 establishes a program that the Secretary determines car-  
21 ries out the purposes described in that section) per diem  
22 payments for services furnished to any homeless veteran—

23 “(A) whom the Secretary has referred to the  
24 grant recipient (or entity eligible for such a grant);  
25 or



1           “(B) for whom the Secretary has authorized the  
2           provision of services.

3           “(2) The rate for such per diem payments shall be  
4           the rate authorized for State homes for domiciliary care  
5           under section 1741(a)(1)(A) of this title.

6           “(3) In a case in which the Secretary has authorized  
7           the provision of services, per diem payments under para-  
8           graph (1) may be paid retroactively for services provided  
9           not more than three days before the authorization was  
10          provided.

11          “(b) INSPECTIONS.—The Secretary may inspect any  
12          facility of an entity eligible for payments under subsection  
13          (a) at such times as the Secretary considers necessary. No  
14          per diem payment may be made to an entity under this  
15          section unless the facilities of that entity meet such stand-  
16          ards as the Secretary shall prescribe.

17          “(c) LIFE SAFETY CODE.—(1) Except as provided in  
18          paragraph (2), a per diem payment may not be provided  
19          under this section to a grant recipient unless the facilities  
20          of the grant recipient meet the fire and safety require-  
21          ments applicable under the Life Safety Code of the Na-  
22          tional Fire Protection Association.

23          “(2) During the five-year period beginning on the  
24          date of the enactment of this section, paragraph (1) shall  
25          not apply to an entity that received a grant under section

1 3 of the Homeless Veterans Comprehensive Service Pro-  
2 grams Act of 1992 (Public Law 102–590; 38 U.S.C. 7721  
3 note) before that date if the entity meets fire and safety  
4 requirements established by the Secretary.

5 “(3) From amounts available for purposes of this sec-  
6 tion, not less than \$5,000,000 shall be used only for  
7 grants to assist entities covered by paragraph (2) in meet-  
8 ing the Life Safety Code of the National Fire Protection  
9 Association.

10 **“§ 2013. Authorization of appropriations**

11 “There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
12 this subchapter amounts as follows:

13 “(1) \$60,000,000 for fiscal year 2002.

14 “(2) \$75,000,000 for fiscal year 2003.

15 “(3) \$75,000,000 for fiscal year 2004.

16 “(4) \$75,000,000 for fiscal year 2005.

17 **“SUBCHAPTER III—TRAINING AND OUTREACH**

18 **“§ 2021. Homeless veterans’ reintegration programs**

19 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability of ap-  
20 propriations provided for under subsection (d) and made  
21 available for such purpose, the Secretary of Labor shall  
22 conduct, directly or through grant or contract, such pro-  
23 grams as the Secretary determines appropriate to provide  
24 job training, counseling, and placement services to expe-

1 dite the reintegration of homeless veterans into the labor  
2 force.

3       “(b) REQUIREMENT TO MONITOR EXPENDITURES  
4 OF FUNDS.—(1) The Secretary of Labor shall collect such  
5 information as the Secretary considers appropriate to  
6 monitor and evaluate the distribution and expenditure of  
7 funds appropriated to carry out this section. The informa-  
8 tion shall include data with respect to the results or out-  
9 comes of the services provided to each homeless veteran  
10 under this section.

11       “(2) The information under paragraph (1) shall be  
12 furnished to the Secretary of Labor in such form as the  
13 Secretary considers appropriate.

14       “(c) ADMINISTRATION THROUGH THE ASSISTANT  
15 SECRETARY OF LABOR FOR VETERANS’ EMPLOYMENT  
16 AND TRAINING.—The Secretary of Labor shall carry out  
17 this section through the Assistant Secretary of Labor for  
18 Veterans’ Employment and Training.

19       “(d) ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The Sec-  
20 retary of Labor shall submit to Congress an annual report  
21 that evaluates services furnished to veterans under this  
22 section, and includes an analysis of the information col-  
23 lected under subsection (c).

1 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—(1)

2 There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this

3 section amounts as follows:

4 “(A) \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2002.

5 “(B) \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2003.

6 “(C) \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2004.

7 “(D) \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2005.

8 “(E) \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2006.

9 “(2) Funds appropriated to carry out this section  
10 shall remain available until expended. Funds obligated in  
11 any fiscal year to carry out this section may be expended  
12 in that fiscal year and the succeeding fiscal year.

13 **“§ 2022. Coordination of outreach services for vet-**  
14 **erans at risk of homelessness**

15 “(a) OUTREACH PLAN.—The Secretary, acting  
16 through the Under Secretary for Health, shall provide for  
17 appropriate officials of the Mental Health Service and the  
18 Readjustment Counseling Service of the Veterans Health  
19 Administration to initiate a coordinated plan for joint out-  
20 reach to veterans at risk of homelessness, including par-  
21 ticularly veterans who are being discharged from institu-  
22 tions (including discharges from inpatient psychiatric  
23 care, substance abuse treatment programs, and penal in-  
24 stitutions).

1       “(b) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The outreach  
2 plan under subsection (a) shall include the following:

3           “(1) Strategies to identify and collaborate with  
4 external entities used by veterans who have not tra-  
5 ditionally used Department services to further out-  
6 reach efforts.

7           “(2) Strategies to ensure that mentoring pro-  
8 grams, recovery support groups, and other appro-  
9 priate support networks are optimally available to  
10 veterans.

11          “(3) Appropriate programs or referrals to fam-  
12 ily support programs.

13          “(4) Means to increase access to case manage-  
14 ment services.

15          “(5) Plans for making additional employment  
16 services accessible to veterans.

17          “(6) Appropriate referral sources for mental  
18 health and substance abuse services.

19       “(c) COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIPS.—The plan shall  
20 identify strategies for the Department to enter into formal  
21 cooperative relationships with entities outside the Depart-  
22 ment to facilitate making services and resources optimally  
23 available to veterans.

1       “(d) REVIEW OF PLAN.—The Secretary shall submit  
2 the plan under subsection (a) to the Advisory Committee  
3 on Homeless Veterans for its review and consultation.

4       “(e) OUTREACH PROGRAM.—(1) The Secretary shall  
5 carry out an outreach program to provide information to  
6 homeless veterans and veterans at risk of homelessness.  
7 The program shall include at a minimum—

8           “(A) provision of information about benefits  
9 available to eligible veterans from the Department;  
10 and

11           “(B) contact information for local Department  
12 facilities, including medical facilities, regional offices,  
13 and veterans centers.

14       “(2) In developing and carrying out the program  
15 under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall, to the extent  
16 practicable, consult with appropriate public and private or-  
17 ganizations, including the Bureau of Prisons, State social  
18 service agencies, the Department of Defense, and mental  
19 health, veterans, and homeless advocates—

20           “(A) for assistance in identifying and con-  
21 tacting veterans who are homeless or at risk of  
22 homelessness;

23           “(B) to coordinate appropriate outreach activi-  
24 ties with those organizations; and

1           “(C) to coordinate services provided to veterans  
2           with services provided by those organizations.

3           “(f) SUBMISSION OF REPORT.—Not later than two  
4           years after the date of the enactment of this section, the  
5           Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Veterans’ Af-  
6           fairs of the Senate and House of Representatives a report  
7           on the Secretary’s plan under subsection (a), including  
8           goals and time lines for implementation of the plan for  
9           particular facilities and service networks.

10   **“§ 2023. Demonstration program relating to referral**  
11                           **and counseling for veterans transitioning**  
12                           **from certain institutions who are at risk**  
13                           **for homelessness**

14           “(a) PROGRAM AUTHORITY.—The Secretary and the  
15           Secretary of Labor (hereinafter in this section referred to  
16           as the ‘Secretaries’) shall carry out a demonstration pro-  
17           gram for the purpose of determining the costs and benefits  
18           of providing referral and counseling services to eligible vet-  
19           erans with respect to benefits and services available to  
20           such veterans under this title and under State law.

21           “(b) LOCATION OF DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.—  
22           The demonstration program shall be carried out in at least  
23           six locations. One location shall be a penal institution  
24           under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Prisons.

1           “(c) SCOPE OF PROGRAM.—(1) To the extent prac-  
2 ticable, the demonstration program shall provide both re-  
3 ferral and counseling, and in the case of counseling, shall  
4 include counseling with respect to job training and place-  
5 ment, housing, health care, and such other benefits to as-  
6 sist the eligible veteran in the transition from institutional  
7 living.

8           “(2)(A) To the extent that referral or counseling  
9 services are provided at a location under the program, re-  
10 ferral services shall be provided in person during the 60-  
11 day period that precedes the date of release or discharge  
12 of the eligible veteran under subsection (f)(1)(B), and  
13 counseling services shall be furnished after such date.

14           “(B) The Secretaries may furnish to officials of penal  
15 institutions outreach information with respect to referral  
16 and counseling services for presentation to veterans in the  
17 custody of such officials during the 18-month period that  
18 precedes such date of release or discharge.

19           “(3) The Secretaries may enter into contracts to  
20 carry out the counseling required under the demonstration  
21 program with entities or organizations that meet such re-  
22 quirements as the Secretaries may establish.

23           “(4) In developing the demonstration program, the  
24 Secretaries shall consult with officials of the Bureau of  
25 Prisons, officials of penal institutions of States and polit-



1 ical subdivisions of States, and such other officials as the  
2 Secretaries determine appropriate.

3 “(d) REPORT.—(1) Not later than two years after the  
4 commencement of the demonstration program, the Sec-  
5 retary (after consultation with the Secretary of Labor)  
6 shall submit to the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of  
7 the Senate and the House of Representatives a report on  
8 the program.

9 “(2) The report under paragraph (1) shall include the  
10 following:

11 “(A) A description of the implementation and  
12 operation of the program.

13 “(B) An evaluation of the effectiveness of the  
14 program.

15 “(C) Recommendations, if any, regarding an ex-  
16 tension of the program.

17 “(e) DURATION.—The authority of the Secretaries to  
18 provide counseling services under the demonstration pro-  
19 gram shall cease on the date that is four years after the  
20 date of the commencement of the demonstration program.

21 “(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

22 “(1) The term ‘eligible veteran’ means a vet-  
23 eran who—

1           “(A) is a resident of a penal institution or  
2           an institution that provides long-term care for  
3           mental illness;

4           “(B) is expected to be imminently released  
5           or discharged (as the case may be) from the fa-  
6           cility or institution; and

7           “(C) is at risk for homelessness absent re-  
8           ferral and counseling services provided under  
9           the program (as determined under guidelines  
10          established by the Secretaries).

11          “(2) The term ‘imminent’ means, with respect  
12          to a release or discharge under paragraph (1)(B),  
13          the 60-day period that ends on the date of such re-  
14          lease or discharge.

15          “SUBCHAPTER V—HOUSING ASSISTANCE  
16          “**§ 2042. Supported housing for veterans participating**  
17                                   **in compensated work therapies**

18          “The Secretary may authorize homeless veterans in  
19          the compensated work therapy program to be provided  
20          housing through the therapeutic residence program under  
21          section 2032 of title or through grant and per diem pro-  
22          viders under subchapter II of this chapter.

23          “**§ 2043. Domiciliary care programs**

24          “(a) AUTHORITY.—The Secretary may establish up  
25          to 10 programs under section 1710(b) of this title (in ad-

1 dition to any such program that is established as of the  
2 date of the enactment of this section) to provide domi-  
3 ciliary services under such section to homeless veterans.

4 “(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
5 are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary  
6 \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2003 and 2004 to es-  
7 tablish the programs referred to in subsection (a).

8 “SUBCHAPTER VII—OTHER PROVISIONS

9 “§ 2061. **Grant program for homeless veterans with**  
10 **special needs**

11 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall carry  
12 out a program to make grants to health care facilities of  
13 the Department and to grant and per diem providers in  
14 order to encourage development by those facilities and  
15 providers of programs targeted at meeting special needs  
16 within the population of homeless veterans.

17 “(b) SPECIAL NEEDS.—For purposes of this section,  
18 homeless veterans with special needs include homeless vet-  
19 erans who—

20 “(1) are women;

21 “(2) are 50 years of age or older;

22 “(3) are substance abusers;

23 “(4) are persons with post-traumatic stress dis-  
24 order;

25 “(5) are terminally ill;

1           “(6) are chronically mentally ill; or

2           “(7) have care of minor dependents or other  
3 family members.

4           “(c) FUNDING.—(1) From amounts appropriated to  
5 the Department for ‘Medical Care’ for each of fiscal years  
6 2003, 2004, and 2005, the amount of \$10,000,000 shall  
7 be available for the purposes of the program under this  
8 section.

9           “(2) The Secretary shall ensure that funds for grants  
10 under this section are designated for the first three years  
11 of operation of the program under this section as a special  
12 purpose program for which funds are not allocated  
13 through the Veterans Equitable Resource Allocation sys-  
14 tem.

15 **“§ 2062. Dental care**

16           “(a) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of section  
17 1712(a)(1)(H) of this title, outpatient dental services and  
18 treatment of a dental condition or disability of a veteran  
19 described in subsection (b) shall be considered to be medi-  
20 cally necessary, subject to subsection (c), if—

21           “(1) the dental services and treatment are nec-  
22 essary for the veteran to successfully gain or regain  
23 employment;

24           “(2) the dental services and treatment are nec-  
25 essary to alleviate pain; or

1           “(3) the dental services and treatment are nec-  
2           essary for treatment of moderate, severe, or severe  
3           and complicated gingival and periodontal pathology.

4           “(b) ELIGIBLE VETERANS.—Subsection (a) applies  
5 to a veteran who is—

6           “(1) enrolled for care under section 1705(a) of  
7 this title; and

8           “(2) who is receiving care (directly or by con-  
9 tract) in any of the following settings:

10           “(A) A domiciliary under section 1710 of  
11 this title.

12           “(B) A therapeutic residence under section  
13 2032 of this title.

14           “(C) Community residential care coordi-  
15 nated by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs  
16 under section 1730 of this title.

17           “(D) A setting for which the Secretary  
18 provides funds for a grant and per diem pro-  
19 vider.

20           “(c) LIMITATION.—Dental benefits provided by rea-  
21 son of this section shall be a one-time course of dental  
22 care provided in the same manner as the dental benefits  
23 provided to a newly discharged veteran.

1 **“§ 2063. Technical assistance grants for nonprofit**  
2 **community-based groups**

3 “(a) GRANT PROGRAM.—The Secretary shall carry  
4 out a program to make technical assistance grants to non-  
5 profit community-based groups with experience in pro-  
6 viding assistance to homeless veterans in order to assist  
7 such groups in applying for grants under this chapter and  
8 other grants relating to addressing problems of homeless  
9 veterans.

10 “(b) FUNDING.—There is authorized to be appro-  
11 priated to the Secretary the amount of \$750,000 for each  
12 of fiscal years 2002 through 2005 to carry out the pro-  
13 gram under this section.

14 **“§ 2064. Annual report on assistance to homeless vet-**  
15 **erans**

16 “(a) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than April 15 of  
17 each year, the Secretary shall submit to the Committees  
18 on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate and House of Rep-  
19 resentatives a report on the activities of the Department  
20 during the calendar year preceding the report under pro-  
21 grams of the Department under this chapter and other  
22 programs of the Department for the provision of assist-  
23 ance to homeless veterans.

24 “(b) GENERAL CONTENTS OF REPORT.—Each report  
25 under subsection (a) shall include the following:

1           “(1) The number of homeless veterans provided  
2 assistance under those programs.

3           “(2) The cost to the Department of providing  
4 such assistance under those programs.

5           “(3) Any other information on those programs  
6 and on the provision of such assistance that the Sec-  
7 retary considers appropriate.

8           “(4) The Secretary’s evaluation of the effective-  
9 ness of the programs of the Department (including  
10 residential work-therapy programs, programs com-  
11 bining outreach, community-based residential treat-  
12 ment, and case-management, and contract care pro-  
13 grams for alcohol and drug-dependence or use dis-  
14 abilities) in providing assistance to homeless vet-  
15 erans.

16           “(5) The Secretary’s evaluation of the effective-  
17 ness of programs established by recipients of grants  
18 under section 2011 of this title and a description of  
19 the experience of those recipients in applying for and  
20 receiving grants from the Secretary of Housing and  
21 Urban Development to serve primarily homeless per-  
22 sons who are veterans.

23           “(c) HEALTH CARE CONTENTS OF REPORT.—Each  
24 report under subsection (a) shall include the following with

1 respect to programs of the Department addressing health  
2 care needs of homeless veterans:

3           “(1) Information about expenditures, costs, and  
4 workload under the program of the Department  
5 known as the Health Care for Homeless Veterans  
6 program (HCHV).

7           “(2) Information about the veterans contacted  
8 through that program.

9           “(3) Information about processes under that  
10 program.

11           “(4) Information about program treatment out-  
12 comes under that program.

13           “(5) Information about supported housing pro-  
14 grams.

15           “(6) Information about the Department’s grant  
16 and per diem provider program under subchapter II  
17 of this chapter.

18           “(7) Other information the Secretary considers  
19 relevant in assessing the program.

20 **“§ 2065. Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans**

21           “(a)(1) There is established in the Department the  
22 Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans (hereinafter in  
23 this section referred to as the ‘Committee’).



1       “(2) The Committee shall consist of not more than  
2 15 members appointed by the Secretary from among the  
3 following:

4           “(A) Veterans service organizations.

5           “(B) Advocates of homeless veterans and other  
6 homeless individuals.

7           “(C) Community-based providers of services to  
8 homeless individuals.

9           “(D) Previously homeless veterans.

10          “(E) State veterans affairs officials.

11          “(F) Experts in the treatment of individuals  
12 with mental illness.

13          “(G) Experts in the treatment of substance use  
14 disorders.

15          “(H) Experts in the development of permanent  
16 housing alternatives for lower income populations.

17          “(I) Experts in vocational rehabilitation.

18          “(J) Such other organizations or groups as the  
19 Secretary considers appropriate.

20       “(3) The Committee shall include, as ex officio  
21 members—

22           “(A) the Secretary of Labor (or a representa-  
23 tive of the Secretary selected after consultation with  
24 the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans’ Em-  
25 ployment);

1           “(B) the Secretary of Defense (or a representa-  
2           tive of the Secretary);

3           “(C) the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-  
4           ices (or a representative of the Secretary); and

5           “(D) the Secretary of Housing and Urban De-  
6           velopment (or a representative of the Secretary).

7           “(4) The Secretary shall determine the terms of serv-  
8           ice and pay and allowances of the members of the Com-  
9           mittee, except that a term of service may not exceed three  
10          years. The Secretary may reappoint any member for addi-  
11          tional terms of service.

12          “(b)(1) The Secretary shall, on a regular basis, con-  
13          sult with and seek the advice of the Committee with re-  
14          spect to the provision by the Department of benefits and  
15          services to homeless veterans.

16          “(2)(A) In providing advice to the Secretary under  
17          this subsection, the Committee shall—

18                  “(i) assemble and review information relating to  
19                  the needs of homeless veterans;

20                  “(ii) provide an on-going assessment of the ef-  
21                  fectiveness of the policies, organizational structures,  
22                  and services of the Department in assisting homeless  
23                  veterans; and

1           “(iii) provide on-going advice on the most ap-  
2           propriate means of providing assistance to homeless  
3           veterans.

4           “(3) The Committee shall—

5           “(A) review the continuum of services provided  
6           by the Department directly or by contract in order  
7           to define cross-cutting issues and to improve coordi-  
8           nation of all services with the Department that are  
9           involved in addressing the special needs of homeless  
10          veterans;

11          “(B) identify (through the annual assessments  
12          under section 2034 of this title and other available  
13          resources) gaps in programs of the Department in  
14          serving homeless veterans, including identification of  
15          geographic areas with unmet needs, and provide rec-  
16          ommendations to address those program gaps;

17          “(C) identify gaps in existing information sys-  
18          tems on homeless veterans, both within and outside  
19          of the Department, and provide recommendations  
20          about redressing problems in data collection;

21          “(D) identify barriers under existing laws and  
22          policies to effective coordination by the Department  
23          with other Federal agencies and with State and local  
24          agencies addressing homeless populations;

1           “(E) identify opportunities for increased liaison  
2           by the Department with nongovernmental organiza-  
3           tions and individual groups addressing homeless  
4           populations;

5           “(F) with appropriate officials of the Depart-  
6           ment designated by the Secretary, participate with  
7           the Interagency Council on the Homeless under title  
8           II of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act  
9           (42 U.S.C. 11311 et seq.);

10          “(G) recommend appropriate funding levels for  
11          specialized programs for homeless veterans provided  
12          or funded by the Department;

13          “(H) recommend appropriate placement options  
14          for veterans who, because of advanced age, frailty,  
15          or severe mental illness, may not be appropriate can-  
16          didates for vocational rehabilitation or independent  
17          living; and

18          “(I) perform such other functions as the Sec-  
19          retary may direct.

20          “(c)(1) Not later than March 31 of each year, the  
21          Committee shall submit to the Secretary a report on the  
22          programs and activities of the Department that relate to  
23          homeless veterans. Each such report shall include—

24                 “(A) an assessment of the needs of homeless  
25                 veterans;

1           “(B) a review of the programs and activities of  
2           the Department designed to meet such needs;

3           “(C) a review of the activities of the Committee;  
4           and

5           “(D) such recommendations (including rec-  
6           ommendations for administrative and legislative ac-  
7           tion) as the Committee considers appropriate.

8           “(2) Not later than 90 days after the receipt of a  
9           report under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall transmit  
10          to the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate and  
11          House of Representatives a copy of the report, together  
12          with any comments and recommendations concerning the  
13          report that the Secretary considers appropriate.

14          “(3) The Committee may also submit to the Sec-  
15          retary such other reports and recommendations as the  
16          Committee considers appropriate.

17          “(4) The Secretary shall submit with each annual re-  
18          port submitted to the Congress pursuant to section 529  
19          of this title a summary of all reports and recommendations  
20          of the Committee submitted to the Secretary since the pre-  
21          vious annual report of the Secretary submitted pursuant  
22          to that section.

23          “(d) The Committee shall cease to exist December  
24          31, 2006.”.

1           (2) The tables of chapters before part I and at the  
2 beginning of part II are each amended by inserting after  
3 the item relating to chapter 19 the following new item:

“20. Benefits for Homeless Veterans ..... 2001”.

4           (b) HEALTH CARE.—(1) Subchapter VII of chapter  
5 17 is transferred to chapter 20 (as added by subsection  
6 (a)), inserted after section 2023 (as so added), and redesi-  
7 gnated as subchapter IV, and sections 1771, 1772, 1773,  
8 and 1774 therein are redesignated as sections 2031, 2032,  
9 2033, and 2034, respectively.

10          (2) Subsection (a)(3) of section 2031, as so trans-  
11 ferred and redesignated, is amended by striking “section  
12 1772 of this title” and inserting “section 2032 of this  
13 title”.

14          (c) HOUSING ASSISTANCE.—Section 3735 is trans-  
15 ferred to chapter 20 (as added by subsection (a)), inserted  
16 after the heading for subchapter V, and redesignated as  
17 section 2041.

18          (d) MULTIFAMILY TRANSITIONAL HOUSING.—(1)  
19 Subchapter VI of chapter 37 (other than section 3771)  
20 is transferred to chapter 20 (as added by subsection (a))  
21 and inserted after section 2043 (as added by subsection  
22 (a)), and sections 3772, 3773, 3774, and 3775 therein are  
23 redesignated as sections 2051, 2052, 2053, and 2054, re-  
24 spectively.

25          (2) Such subchapter is amended—

1 (A) in the heading, by striking “FOR HOME-  
2 LESS VETERANS”;

3 (B) in subsection (d)(1) of section 2051, as so  
4 transferred and redesignated, by striking “section  
5 3773 of this title” and inserting “section 2052 of  
6 this title”; and

7 (C) in subsection (a) of section 2052, as so  
8 transferred and redesignated, by striking “section  
9 3772 of this title” and inserting “section 2051 of  
10 this title”.

11 (3) Section 3771 is repealed.

12 (e) REPEAL OF CODIFIED PROVISIONS.—The fol-  
13 lowing provisions of law are repealed:

14 (1) Sections 3, 4, and 12 of the Homeless Vet-  
15 erans Comprehensive Service Programs Act of 1992  
16 (Public Law 102–590; 38 U.S.C. 7721 note).

17 (2) Section 1001 of the Veterans’ Benefits Im-  
18 provements Act of 1994 (Public Law 103–446; 38  
19 U.S.C. 7721 note).

20 (3) Section 4111.

21 (4) Section 738 of the McKinney-Vento Home-  
22 less Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11448).

23 (f) EXTENSION OF EXPIRING AUTHORITIES.—Sub-  
24 section (b) of section 2031, as redesignated by subsection  
25 (b)(1), and subsection (d) of section 2033, as so redesign-

1 nated, are amended by striking “December 31, 2001” and  
2 inserting “December 31, 2006”.

3 (g) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

4 (1) The table of sections at the beginning of  
5 chapter 17 is amended by striking the item relating  
6 to subchapter VII and the items relating to sections  
7 1771, 1772, 1773, and 1774.

8 (2) The table of sections at the beginning of  
9 chapter 37 is amended—

10 (A) by striking the item relating to section  
11 3735; and

12 (B) by striking the item relating to sub-  
13 chapter VI and the items relating to sections  
14 3771, 3772, 3773, 3774, and 3775.

15 (3) The table of sections at the beginning of  
16 chapter 41 is amended by striking the item relating  
17 to section 4111.

18 **SEC. 6. EVALUATION OF HOMELESS PROGRAMS.**

19 (a) EVALUATION CENTERS.—The Secretary of Vet-  
20 erans Affairs shall support the continuation within the De-  
21 partment of Veterans Affairs of at least one center for  
22 evaluation to monitor the structure, process, and outcome  
23 of programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs that  
24 address homeless veterans.



1 (b) ANNUAL PROGRAM ASSESSMENT.—Section  
2 2034(b), as transferred and redesignated by section  
3 5(b)(1), is amended—

4 (1) by inserting “annual” in paragraph (1)  
5 after “to make an”; and

6 (2) by adding at the end the following new  
7 paragraph:

8 “(6) The Secretary shall review each annual assess-  
9 ment under this subsection and shall consolidate the find-  
10 ings and conclusions of those assessments into an annual  
11 report to be submitted to Congress.”.

12 **SEC. 7. STUDY OF OUTCOME EFFECTIVENESS OF GRANT**  
13 **PROGRAM FOR HOMELESS VETERANS WITH**  
14 **SPECIAL NEEDS.**

15 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall  
16 conduct a study of the effectiveness during fiscal year  
17 2002 through fiscal year 2004 of the grant program under  
18 section 2061 of title 38, United States Code, as added by  
19 section 5(a), in meeting the needs of homeless veterans  
20 with special needs (as specified in that section). As part  
21 of the study, the Secretary shall compare the results of  
22 programs carried out under that section, in terms of vet-  
23 erans’ satisfaction, health status, reduction in addiction  
24 severity, housing, and encouragement of productive activ-  
25 ity, with results for similar veterans in programs of the

1 Department or of grant and per diem providers that are  
2 designed to meet the general needs of homeless veterans.

3 (b) REPORT.—Not later than March 31, 2005, the  
4 Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Veterans' Af-  
5 fairs of the Senate and House of Representatives a report  
6 setting forth the results of the study under subsection (a).

7 **SEC. 8. ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMATIC EXPANSIONS.**

8 (a) ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.—Sec-  
9 tion 1706 is amended by adding at the end the following  
10 new subsection:

11 “(c) The Secretary shall develop standards to ensure  
12 that mental health services are available to veterans in a  
13 manner similar to the manner in which primary care is  
14 available to veterans who require services by ensuring that  
15 each primary care health care facility of the Department  
16 has a mental health treatment capacity.”.

17 (b) COMPREHENSIVE HOMELESS SERVICES PRO-  
18 GRAM.—Subsection (b) of section 2033, as transferred and  
19 redesignated by section 5(b)(1), is amended—

20 (1) by striking “not fewer” in the first sentence  
21 and all that follows through “services) at”; and

22 (2) by adding at the end the following new sen-  
23 tence: “The Secretary shall carry out the program  
24 under this section in sites in at least each of the 20  
25 largest metropolitan statistical areas.”.

1 (c) OPIOID SUBSTITUTION THERAPY.—Section  
2 1720A is amended by adding at the end the following new  
3 subsection:

4 “(d) The Secretary shall ensure that opioid substi-  
5 tution therapy is available at each Department medical  
6 center.”.

7 **SEC. 9. COORDINATION OF EMPLOYMENT SERVICES.**

8 (a) DISABLED VETERANS’ OUTREACH PROGRAM.—  
9 Section 4103A(c) is amended by adding at the end the  
10 following new paragraph:

11 “(11) Coordination of services provided to vet-  
12 erans with training assistance provided to veterans  
13 by entities receiving financial assistance under sec-  
14 tion 2021 of this title.”.

15 (b) LOCAL VETERANS’ EMPLOYMENT REPRESENTA-  
16 TIVES.—Section 4104(b) is amended by adding at the end  
17 the following new paragraph:

18 “(13) Coordinate services provided to veterans  
19 with training assistance for veterans provided by en-  
20 tities receiving financial assistance under section  
21 2021 of this title.”.

22 **SEC. 10. USE OF REAL PROPERTY.**

23 (a) LIMITATION ON DECLARING PROPERTY EXCESS  
24 TO THE NEEDS OF THE DEPARTMENT.—Section 8122(d)  
25 is amended by inserting before the period at the end the

1 following: “and is not suitable for use for the provision  
2 of services to homeless veterans by the Department or by  
3 another entity under an enhanced-use lease of such prop-  
4 erty under section 8162 of this title”.

5 (b) WAIVER OF COMPETITIVE SELECTION PROCESS  
6 FOR ENHANCED-USE LEASES FOR PROPERTIES USED TO  
7 SERVE HOMELESS VETERANS.—Section 8162(b)(1) is  
8 amended—

9 (1) by inserting “(A)” after “(b)(1)”; and

10 (2) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(B) In the case of a property that the Secretary de-  
12 termines is appropriate for use as a facility to furnish  
13 services to homeless veterans under chapter 20 of this  
14 title, the Secretary may enter into an enhanced-use lease  
15 without regard to the selection procedures required under  
16 subparagraph (A).”.

17 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
18 subsection (b) shall apply to leases entered into on or after  
19 the date of the enactment of this Act.

20 **SEC. 11. MEETINGS OF INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOME-**  
21 **LESS.**

22 Section 202(c) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless As-  
23 sistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11312(c)) is amended to read as  
24 follows:

1       “(c) MEETINGS.—The Council shall meet at the call  
2 of its Chairperson or a majority of its members, but not  
3 less often than annually.”.

4 **SEC. 12. RENTAL ASSISTANCE VOUCHERS FOR HUD VET-**  
5 **ERANS AFFAIRS SUPPORTED HOUSING PRO-**  
6 **GRAM.**

7       Section 8(o) of the United States Housing Act of  
8 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)) is amended by adding at the  
9 end the following new paragraph:

10           “(19) RENTAL VOUCHERS FOR VETERANS AF-  
11 FAIRS SUPPORTED HOUSING PROGRAM.—

12           “(A) SET ASIDE.—Subject to subpara-  
13 graph (C), the Secretary shall set aside, from  
14 amounts made available for rental assistance  
15 under this subsection, the amounts specified in  
16 subparagraph (B) for use only for providing  
17 such assistance through a supported housing  
18 program administered in conjunction with the  
19 Department of Veterans Affairs. Such program  
20 shall provide rental assistance on behalf of  
21 homeless veterans who have chronic mental ill-  
22 nesses or chronic substance use disorders, shall  
23 require agreement of the veteran to continued  
24 treatment for such mental illness or substance  
25 use disorder as a condition of receipt of such

1 rental assistance, and shall ensure such treat-  
2 ment and appropriate case management for  
3 each veteran receiving such rental assistance.

4 “(B) AMOUNT.—The amount specified in  
5 this subparagraph is—

6 “(i) for fiscal year 2003, the amount  
7 necessary to provide 500 vouchers for rent-  
8 al assistance under this subsection;

9 “(ii) for fiscal year 2004, the amount  
10 necessary to provide 1,000 vouchers for  
11 rental assistance under this subsection;

12 “(iii) for fiscal year 2005, the amount  
13 necessary to provide 1,500 vouchers for  
14 rental assistance under this subsection;  
15 and

16 “(iv) for fiscal year 2006, the amount  
17 necessary to provide 2,000 vouchers for  
18 rental assistance under this subsection.

19 “(C) FUNDING THROUGH INCREMENTAL  
20 ASSISTANCE.—In any fiscal year, to the extent  
21 that this paragraph requires the Secretary to  
22 set aside rental assistance amounts for use  
23 under this paragraph in an amount that ex-  
24 ceeds that set aside in the preceding fiscal year,  
25 such requirement shall be effective only to such

1 extent or in such amounts as are or have been  
2 provided in appropriation Acts for such fiscal  
3 year for incremental rental assistance under  
4 this subsection.”.

Passed the House of Representatives October 16,  
2001.

Attest:

*Clerk.*