

111TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1293

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## AN ACT

To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase in the amount payable by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to veterans for improvements and structural alterations furnished as part of home health services.

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.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Disabled Veterans  
3 Home Improvement and Structural Alteration Grant In-  
4 crease Act of 2009”.

5 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN AMOUNT AVAILABLE TO DISABLED**  
6 **VETERANS FOR IMPROVEMENTS AND STRUC-**  
7 **TURAL ALTERATIONS FURNISHED AS PART**  
8 **OF HOME HEALTH SERVICES.**

9       (a) INCREASE.—Section 1717(a)(2) of title 38,  
10 United States Code, is amended—

11           (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “\$4,100”  
12       and inserting “\$6,800”; and

13           (2) in subparagraph (B), by striking “\$1,200”  
14       and inserting “\$2,000”.

15       (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
16 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to a veteran who  
17 first applies for benefits under section 1717(a)(2) of title  
18 38, United States Code, on or after the date of the enact-  
19 ment of this Act.

20       (c) APPLICABILITY.—A veteran who exhausts such  
21 veteran’s eligibility for benefits under section 1717(a)(2)  
22 of title 38, United States Code, before the date of the en-  
23 actment of this Act, is not entitled to additional benefits

- 1 under such section by reason of the amendments made
- 2 by subsection (a).

Passed the House of Representatives July 28, 2009.

Attest:

*Clerk.*

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