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To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs establish a grant program to provide assistance to veterans who are at risk of becoming homeless.

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NYE (for himself and Mr. HUNTER) 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. GRANT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO

- 4 **VETERANS AT RISK OF BECOMING HOME**-5 **LESS.**
- 6 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Subchapter VII of chapter 20
  7 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at
  8 the end the following new section:

## 1 "§ 2067. Grant program for homelessness prevention

"(a) GRANT PROGRAM.—Subject to the availability of
appropriations provided for such purpose, the Secretary
shall carry out a program under which the Secretary shall
make grants to public entities and private nonprofit organizations to provide assistance for covered veterans in accordance with this section.

8 "(b) ASSISTANCE PROVIDED.—The recipient of a9 grant under this section shall use the grant to—

"(1) make payments to an eligible veteran's
landlord, mortgage company, or utility company for
amounts of rent or mortgage that are in arrears, security deposits for rental properties, or utility bills
or arrears; and

"(2) ensure that at the onset of providing as-15 16 sistance for a veteran under paragraph (1), the vet-17 eran is in receipt of supportive services to further 18 prevent homelessness, which may include job train-19 ing, mental health and substance abuse treatment, 20 and other services identified by the Secretary to ad-21 dress the barriers that compromise the veteran's 22 self-sufficiency and well-being. This would help link 23 the veterans to appropriate services within the VA, 24 as well as other federal resources that are available 25 through DOL and HUD.

1 "(c) APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS.—To be eligible 2 to receive a grant under this section, a public entity or 3 private nonprofit organization shall submit to the Sec-4 retary an application containing such information and as-5 surances as the Secretary may require. Such application 6 shall demonstrate that the entity or organization is capa-7 ble of providing the assistance described in subsection (b).

8 "(d) DURATION OF ASSISTANCE.—The recipient of a 9 grant under this section may not provide assistance under 10 subsection (b) to any veteran for a duration of longer than 11 three months.

"(e) COVERED VETERANS.—For the purposes of this
section, the term 'covered veteran' means a veteran who
is at risk of becoming homeless (as that term is defined
in section 103(a) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11302(a))), as determined by the
Secretary, and who—

18 "(1) is in imminent danger of eviction or fore-19 closure;

20 "(2) demonstrates a compromised ability to
21 make rental or mortgage payments based on income;
22 and

23 "(3) meets such eligibility criteria as is estab-24 lished by the recipient of a grant under this section.

1 "(f) RECOVERY OF UNUSED GRANT FUNDS.—(1) If 2 a grant recipient under this section does not provide as-3 sistance in accordance with this section or ceases to pro-4 vide the assistance for which the grant was made, the 5 United States shall be entitled to recover from such recipi-6 ent the total of all unused grant amounts made under this 7 section to such recipient.

8 "(2) Any amount recovered by the United States 9 under paragraph (1) may be obligated by the Secretary 10 without fiscal year limitation to carry out provisions of 11 this subchapter.

"(3) An amount may not be recovered under paragraph (1) as an unused grant amount before the end of
the three-year period beginning on the date on which the
grant is made.

16 "(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There 17 is authorized to be appropriated \$100,000,000 for each 18 of fiscal years 2011, 2012, and 2013 to carry out this 19 section.".

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting
after the item relating to section 2066 the following new
item:

"2067. Grant program for homelessness prevention.".