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H. R. 3796

To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve per diem grant payments for organizations assisting homeless veterans.

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. PER DIEM GRANT PAYMENTS.**

4 (a) MINIMUM RATE.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subparagraph (A) of section
6 2012(a)(2) of title 38, United States Code, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 “(2)(A) The rate for such per diem payments shall
9 be an amount equal to the greater of—

1 “(i) the daily cost of care estimated by the
2 grant recipient or eligible entity, as adjusted by the
3 Secretary under subparagraph (B); or

4 “(ii) \$60 per bed provided by the grant recipi-
5 ent or eligible entity.”.

6 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subparagraph
7 (B) of such section is amended by striking “sub-
8 paragraph (A)” and inserting “subparagraph
9 (A)(i)”.

10 (b) PRIORITY FOR NONCONFORMING ENTITIES.—
11 Section 2012 of such title is further amended by adding
12 at the end the following new subsection:

13 “(d) PRIORITY FOR NONCONFORMING ENTITIES.—
14 (1) The Secretary shall ensure that 25 percent of funds
15 available for per diem payments under this section shall
16 be made available for per diem payments to the following
17 grant recipients or eligible entities:

18 “(A) Grant recipients or eligible entities that—

19 “(i) meet each of the transitional and sup-
20 portive services criteria prescribed by the Sec-
21 retary pursuant to subsection (a)(1); and

22 “(ii) furnish services to homeless individ-
23 uals, of which less than 75 percent are vet-
24 erans.

25 “(B) Grant recipients or eligible entities that—

1 “(i) meet at least one, but not all, of the
2 transitional and supportive services criteria pre-
3 scribed by the Secretary pursuant to subsection
4 (a)(1); and

5 “(ii) furnish services to homeless individ-
6 uals, of which not less than 75 percent are vet-
7 erans.

8 “(C) Grant recipients or eligible entities that—

9 “(i) meet at least one, but not all, of the
10 transitional and supportive services criteria pre-
11 scribed by the Secretary pursuant to subsection
12 (a)(1); and

13 “(ii) furnish services to homeless individ-
14 uals, of which less than 75 percent are vet-
15 erans.

16 “(2) Notwithstanding subsection (a)(2), in providing
17 per diem payments under this subsection, the Secretary
18 shall determine the rate of such per diem payments in ac-
19 cordance with the following order of priority:

20 “(A) Grant recipients or eligible entities de-
21 scribed by paragraph (1)(A).

22 “(B) Grant recipients or eligible entities de-
23 scribed by paragraph (1)(B).

24 “(C) Grant recipients or eligible entities de-
25 scribed by paragraph (1)(C).

1 “(3) For purposes of this subsection, an eligible enti-
2 ty includes an entity that is ineligible to receive a grant
3 under section 2011 of this title, but whom the Secretary
4 determines carries out the purposes described in that sec-
5 tion.”.

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