

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

115TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs relating to the home loan program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M____. _____ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

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 “VA Home Loan Im-
5 provement Act of 2018”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMOUNT OF LOAN GUARANTEED UNDER HOME**
2 **LOAN PROGRAM OF DEPARTMENT OF VET-**
3 **ERANS AFFAIRS.**

4 (a) ADJUSTMENT OF LOAN LIMIT.—Section
5 3703(a)(1) of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

6 (1) in subparagraph (A)(i)(IV)—

7 (A) by striking “the lesser of”; and

8 (B) by striking “or 25 percent of the
9 loan”; and

10 (2) in subparagraph (C), by striking “Freddie
11 Mac” and all that follows through the period and in-
12 serting “amount of the loan.”.

13 (b) COLLECTION OF LOAN FEES.—Section 3729(c)
14 of such title is amended—

15 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “A fee” and
16 inserting “Except as provided in paragraph (3), a
17 fee”; and

18 (2) by adding at the end the following new
19 paragraph:

20 “(3) Paragraph (1) shall not apply with respect to
21 any veteran with a service-connected disability rated as
22 total, or any surviving spouse of such a veteran, who, on
23 or after October 1, 2018, receives a loan that is guaran-
24 teed under section 3710 of this title in an amount that
25 is more than 25 percent of the Freddie Mac conforming
26 loan limit limitation determined under section 305(a)(2)

1 of the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation Act (12
2 U.S.C. 1454(a)(2)) for a single-family residence, as ad-
3 justed for the year involved.”.

4 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
5 this section shall apply with respect to a loan guaranteed
6 under section 3710 of title 38, United States Code, on
7 or after October 1, 2018.

8 **SEC. 3. INFORMATION GATHERING FOR DEPARTMENT OF**
9 **VETERANS AFFAIRS HOME LOAN APPRAIS-**
10 **ALS.**

11 Section 3731(b) of title 38, United States Code, is
12 amended by adding at the end the following new para-
13 graph:

14 “(3) The Secretary shall permit an appraiser on a
15 list developed and maintained under subsection (a)(3) to
16 make an appraisal for the purposes of this chapter based
17 solely on information gathered by a person with whom the
18 appraiser has entered into an agreement for such serv-
19 ices.”.