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H. R. 2398

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and
Urban Affairs

AN ACT

To amend the United States Housing Act of 1937 and title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for the HUD–VASH program, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit annual reports to the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate and House of Representatives regarding homeless veterans, and for other purposes.

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 “Veteran Housing Op-
5 portunities and Unemployment Support Extension Act of
6 2020” or the “Veteran HOUSE Act of 2020”.

7 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR HUD-VASH.**

8 (a) HUD PROVISIONS.—Section 8(o)(19) of the
9 United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C.
10 1437f(o)(19)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
11 lowing new subparagraph:

12 “(D) VETERAN DEFINED.—In this para-
13 graph, the term ‘veteran’ has the meaning given
14 that term in section 2002(b) of title 38, United
15 States Code.”.

16 (b) VHA CASE MANAGERS.—Subsection (b) of sec-
17 tion 2003 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by
18 adding at the end the following: “In the case of vouchers
19 provided under the HUD–VASH program under section
20 8(o)(19) of such Act, for purposes of the preceding sen-
21 tence, the term ‘veteran’ shall have the meaning given
22 such term in section 2002(b) of this title.”.

23 **SEC. 3. ANNUAL REPORTS.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not less frequently than once
25 each year, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit

1 to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and
2 the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the House of Rep-
3 resentatives a report on the homelessness services provided
4 under programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs,
5 including services under HUD–VASH program under sec-
6 tion 8(o)(1) of the United States Housing Act of 1937
7 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)(19)).

8 (b) INCLUDED INFORMATION.—Each such annual re-
9 port shall include, with respect to the year preceding the
10 submittal of the report, a statement of the number of eligi-
11 ble individuals who were furnished such homelessness
12 services and the number of individuals furnished such
13 services under each such program, disaggregated by the
14 number of men who received such services and the number
15 of women who received such services, and such other infor-
16 mation as the Secretary considers appropriate.

Passed the House of Representatives January 13,
2020.

Attest:

CHERYL L. JOHNSON,

Clerk.