

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3640

To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to assist blind veterans who have not lost use of a leg in acquiring specially adapted housing, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 9, 2019

Mrs. LURIA (for herself and Mr. DAVID P. ROE of Tennessee) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Housing Access for
5 Blind Veterans Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**
2 **TO ASSIST BLIND VETERANS WHO HAVE NOT**
3 **LOST USE OF A LEG IN ACQUIRING SPE-**
4 **CIALY ADAPTED HOUSING.**

5 Section 2101(a)(2)(B)(ii) of title 38, United States
6 Code, is amended—

- 7 (1) in the matter preceding subclause (I), by
8 striking “due to—” and inserting “due to blindness
9 in both eyes, having central visual acuity of 20/200
10 or less in the better eye with the use of a standard
11 correcting lens. For the purposes of this clause, an
12 eye with a limitation in the fields of vision such that
13 the widest diameter of the visual field subtends an
14 angle no greater than 20 degrees shall be considered
15 as having a central visual acuity of 20/200 or less.”;
16 and
17 (2) by striking subclauses (I) and (II).

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