

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 6197

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a program to provide grants to certain surviving spouses of veterans to pay for housing.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 2, 2023

Mr. NEGUSE 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. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS PRO-**
4 **GRAM TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO CERTAIN**
5 **SURVIVING SPOUSES OF VETERANS TO PAY**
6 **FOR HOUSING.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the
8 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Vet-
9 erans Affairs shall establish a program to provide grants
10 to eligible surviving spouses to pay for housing.

1 (b) APPLICATIONS.—An eligible surviving spouse de-
2 siring a grant under this section shall submit to the Sec-
3 retary an application in such form and containing such
4 information and assurances as the Secretary determines
5 appropriate.

6 (c) PRIORITY.—In making grants under this section,
7 the Secretary shall give priority to eligible surviving
8 spouses on the basis of need.

9 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
10 are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary
11 \$250,000,000 for fiscal years 2025 through 2029 to carry
12 out this section.

13 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 (1) The terms “dependency and indemnity com-
15 pensation” and “surviving spouse” have the mean-
16 ings given such terms in section 101 of title 38,
17 United States Code.

18 (2) The term “disabled veteran” has the mean-
19 ing given such term in section 3741 of such title.

20 (3) The term “eligible surviving spouse” means
21 a surviving spouse—

22 (A) of a disabled veteran; and

23 (B) who is in receipt of dependency and in-
24 demnity compensation.

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