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2D SESSION

H. R. 3726

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 20, 2026

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

AN ACT

To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make temporary lodging facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs available for certain individuals on a space available basis, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Fisher House Avail-
3 ability Act of 2026”.

4 **SEC. 2. AVAILABILITY OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-**
5 **FAIRS TEMPORARY LODGING TO CERTAIN IN-**
6 **DIVIDUALS.**

7 Section 1708 of title 38, United States Code, is
8 amended—

9 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “in connection
10 with” and all that follows through the period at the
11 end and inserting “in accordance with this section.”;

12 (2) in subsection (b)—

13 (A) in paragraph (2)—

14 (i) by inserting “described in para-
15 graph (1)” after “family of a veteran”;
16 and

17 (ii) by inserting “such” after “accom-
18 pany”; and

19 (B) by adding at the end the following new
20 paragraphs:

21 “(3) On a space-available basis, a covered bene-
22 ficiary who must travel a significant distance to re-
23 ceive care or services at a Department or non-De-
24 partment facility.

25 “(4) On a space-available basis, a member of
26 the family of a covered beneficiary described in para-

graph (3) and others who accompany such a covered beneficiary who is receiving care or services and provide the equivalent of familial support for such beneficiary when the covered beneficiary or the family member is traveling to receive care or services at a Department or non-Department facility.

“(5) On a space-available basis, a veteran and a member of the family of a veteran and others who must travel a significant distance for a member of the veteran’s family to receive care or services at a Department or non-Department facility.

“(6) On a space available basis, a covered beneficiary and a member of the family of a covered beneficiary and others who must travel a significant distance for a member of the covered beneficiary’s family to receive care or services at a Department or non-Department facility.”;

(3) by striking subsection (c) and redesignating subsections (d) and (e) as subsections (c) and (d), respectively;

(4) in subsection (d), as so redesignated—

(A) in paragraph (2), by striking “subsection (d)” and inserting “subsection (c)”;

1 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking “under
2 subsection (b)(2)” and inserting “or a covered
3 beneficiary under subsection (b)”;

4 (C) in paragraph (4), by striking “and”
5 after the semicolon;

6 (D) by redesignating paragraph (5) as
7 paragraph (6); and

8 (E) by inserting after paragraph (4) the
9 following new paragraph (5):

10 “(5) establishing criteria for providing access to
11 temporary lodging facilities on a space-available
12 basis under paragraphs (3) through (6) of sub-
13 section (b); and”;

14 (5) by adding at the end the following new sub-
15 section:

16 “(e) In this section:

17 “(1) The term ‘covered beneficiary’ means a
18 member of the uniformed services performing active
19 duty.

20 “(2) The term ‘Fisher house’ means a housing
21 facility that—

22 “(A) is located at, or in proximity to, a
23 Department medical facility;

“(C) is constructed by, and donated to the Secretary by, the Zachary and Elizabeth M. Fisher Armed Services Foundation or the Fisher House Foundation, Inc.”.

8 SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF CERTAIN LIMITS ON PAYMENTS OF
9 PENSION.

Section 5503(d)(7) of title 38, United States Code,
is amended by striking “January 31, 2033” and inserting
“July 31, 2033”.

Passed the House of Representatives May 19, 2026.

Attest: KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Clerk.