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119TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 3726

[Report No. 119-630]

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 TRICARE beneficiaries on a space-available basis, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 4, 2025

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS (for herself and Mrs. DINGELL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

APRIL 30, 2026

Additional sponsors: Mr. VINDMAN and Mr. NEGUSE

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Reported with amendments, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on June 4, 2025]

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 “Fisher House Avail-*
 5 *ability Act of 2026”.*

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

9 *Section 1708 of title 38, United States Code, is amend-*
 10 *ed—*

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

14 *(2) in subsection (b)—*

15 *(A) in paragraph (2)—*

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

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

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

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

1 “(4) On a space-available basis, a member of the
2 family of a covered beneficiary described in para-
3 graph (3) and others who accompany such a covered
4 beneficiary who is receiving care or services and pro-
5 vide the equivalent of familial support for such bene-
6 ficiary when the covered beneficiary or the family
7 member is traveling to receive care or services at a
8 Department or non-Department facility.

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

14 “(6) On a space available basis, a covered bene-
15 ficiary and a member of the family of a covered bene-
16 ficiary and others who must travel a significant dis-
17 tance for a member of the covered beneficiary’s family
18 to receive care or services at a Department or non-
19 Department facility.”;

20 (3) by striking subsection (c) and redesignating
21 subsections (d) and (e) as subsections (c) and (d), re-
22 spectively;

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

24 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “sub-
25 section (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 fol-
9 lowing new paragraph (5):

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

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

1 “(B) is available for residential use on a
 2 temporary basis by patients of that facility and
 3 others described in subsection (b); and

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

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

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

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill 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.”.

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