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H. R. 7149

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RILEY of New York 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 “Veteran Housing
5 Promise Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF MAXIMUM AUTHORIZATIONS OF**
2 **APPROPRIATIONS FOR CERTAIN BENEFITS**
3 **FOR HOMELESS VETERANS.**

4 (a) COMPREHENSIVE SERVICE PROGRAMS.—Section
5 2016 of title 38, United States Code, is amended to read
6 as follows:

7 **“§ 2016. Authorization of appropriations**

8 “There is authorized to be appropriated such sums
9 as may be necessary to carry out this subchapter.”.

10 (b) HOMELESS VETERANS REINTEGRATION PRO-
11 GRAMS.—Section 2021(i)(1) of title 38, United States
12 Code, is amended—

13 (1) in subparagraph (G), by striking “fiscal
14 year 2024 and each fiscal year thereafter” and in-
15 serting “each of fiscal years 2024 through 2026”;
16 and

17 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
18 paragraph:

19 “(H) For fiscal year 2027 and each subsequent
20 fiscal year, such sums as may be necessary.”.

21 (c) HOMELESS WOMEN VETERANS AND HOMELESS
22 VETERANS WITH CHILDREN REINTEGRATION GRANT
23 PROGRAM.—Section 2021A(f) is amended—

24 (1) by striking “section \$1,000,000 for each of
25 fiscal years 2011 through 2025” and inserting “sec-
26 tion—”; and

1 (2) by adding at the end the following new
2 paragraphs:

3 “(1) \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2011
4 through 2025; and

5 “(2) for fiscal year 2026 and each subsequent
6 fiscal year, such sums as may be necessary.”.

7 (d) FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR SUPPORTIVE SERV-
8 ICES FOR VERY LOW-INCOME VETERAN FAMILIES IN
9 PERMANENT HOUSING.—Section 2044(e) of title 38,
10 United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

11 “(e) FUNDING.—From amounts appropriated to the
12 Department for Medical Services, there shall be available
13 such sums as may be necessary to carry out subsections
14 (a), (b), and (c).”.

15 (e) GRANT PROGRAM FOR HOMELESS VETERANS
16 WITH SPECIAL NEEDS.—Section 2061(d) of title 38,
17 United States Code, is amended—

18 (1) by striking “for each of fiscal years 2007
19 through 2025, \$5,000,000 shall be available for each
20 such fiscal year for the purposes of the program
21 under this section.” and inserting “amounts shall be
22 available for the purposes of the program under this
23 section as follows:”; and

24 (2) by adding at the end the following new
25 paragraphs:

1 “(1) For each of fiscal years 2007 through
2 2025, \$5,000,000.

3 “(2) For fiscal year 2026 and each subsequent
4 fiscal year, such sums as may be necessary.”.

5 (f) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS FOR NON-
6 PROFIT COMMUNITY-BASED GROUPS.—Section 2064(b)
7 of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

8 (1) by striking “ to carry out the program
9 under this section.” and inserting “to carry out the
10 program under this section—”; and

11 (2) by adding at the end the following new
12 paragraphs:

13 “(1) \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2007
14 through 2012; and

15 “(2) for fiscal year 2026 and each subsequent
16 fiscal year, such sums as may be necessary.”.

17 **SEC. 3. PERMANENT AUTHORITY FOR CERTAIN PROGRAMS**
18 **FOR HOMELESS VETERANS.**

19 (a) GENERAL TREATMENT FOR SERIOUSLY MEN-
20 TALLY ILL AND HOMELESS VETERANS.—Section 2031 of
21 title 38, United States Code, is amended—

22 (1) by striking “(a)”; and

23 (2) by striking subsection (b).

24 (b) ADDITIONAL SERVICES FOR SERIOUSLY ILL
25 MENTALLY ILL AND HOMELESS VETERANS AT CERTAIN

1 LOCATIONS.—Section 2033 of title 38, United States
2 Code, is amended by striking subsection (d).

3 (c) HOUSING ASSISTANCE FOR HOMELESS VET-
4 ERANS.—Section 2041 of title 38, United States Code, is
5 amended by striking subsection (c).

6 (d) ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HOMELESS VET-
7 ERANS.—Section 2066 of title 38, United States Code, is
8 amended by striking subsection (d).

9 (e) TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY.—Section
10 8118(a) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by
11 striking paragraph (5).

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