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To amend section 3(b)(4) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 to exclude certain disability benefits from income for the purposes of determining eligibility for the supported housing program under section 8(o)(19), and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 10, 2025

Mr. PADILLA (for himself, Mr. McCORMICK, Mr. GALLEGO, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. CRAPO, and Ms. HIRONO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban 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 Unhoused
5 Disabled Veterans Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXCLUSION OF CERTAIN DISABILITY BENEFITS.**

2 Section 3(b)(4)(B) of the United States Housing Act
3 of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437a(b)(4)(B)) is amended—

4 (1) by redesignating clauses (iv) and (v) as
5 clauses (vi) and (vii), respectively; and

6 (2) by inserting after clause (iii) the following:

7 “(iv) for the purpose of determining
8 income eligibility with respect to the sup-
9 ported housing program under section
10 8(o)(19), any disability benefits received
11 under chapter 11 or chapter 15 of title 38,
12 United States Code, received by a veteran,
13 except that this exclusion shall not apply
14 to the income in the definition of adjusted
15 income;

16 “(v) for the purpose of determining
17 income eligibility with respect to any
18 household receiving rental assistance under
19 the supported housing program under sec-
20 tion 8(o)(19) as it relates to eligibility for
21 other types of housing assistance, any dis-
22 ability benefits received under chapter 11
23 or chapter 15 of title 38, United States
24 Code, received by a veteran, except that
25 this exclusion shall not apply to income in
26 the definition of adjusted income;”.

1 **SEC. 3. TREATMENT OF CERTAIN DISABILITY BENEFITS.**

2 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—When determining the eligibility
3 of a veteran to rent a residential dwelling unit constructed
4 on Department property on or after the date of the enact-
5 ment of this Act, for which assistance is provided as part
6 of a housing assistance program administered by the Sec-
7 retary, the Secretary shall exclude from income any dis-
8 ability benefits received under chapter 11 or chapter 15
9 of title 38, United States Code by such person.

10 (b) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

11 (1) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary” means
12 the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

13 (2) **DEPARTMENT PROPERTY.**—The term “De-
14 partment property” has the meaning given the term
15 in section 901 of title 38, United States Code.

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