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# H. R. 1742

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 25, 2013

Mr. HECK of Nevada (for himself, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. RENACCI, Mr. KILMER, Mr. BUCSHON, and Mr. CARNEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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## 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 “Vulnerable Veterans  
5 Housing Reform Act of 2013”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXCLUSION FROM INCOME.**

2 Paragraph (4) of section 3(b) of the United States  
3 Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437a(b)(4)) is amend-  
4 ed—

5 (1) by striking “and any amounts” and insert-  
6 ing “, any amounts”;

7 (2) by striking “or any deferred” and inserting  
8 “, any deferred”; and

9 (3) by inserting after “prospective monthly  
10 amounts” the following: “, and any expenses related  
11 to aid and attendance as detailed under section 1521  
12 of title 38, United States Code”.

13 **SEC. 3. UTILITY ALLOWANCES AND DATA.**

14 Section 8(o) of the United States Housing Act of  
15 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)) is amended—

16 (1) in paragraph (2), by adding at the end the  
17 following new subparagraph:

18 “(D) UTILITY ALLOWANCE.—

19 “(i) IN GENERAL.—In determining  
20 the monthly assistance payment for a fam-  
21 ily under subparagraphs (A) and (B), the  
22 amount allowed for tenant-paid utilities  
23 shall not exceed the appropriate utility al-  
24 lowance for the family unit size as deter-  
25 mined by the public housing agency re-

1           gardless of the size of the dwelling unit  
2           leased by the family.

3           “(ii) EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN FAMI-  
4           LIES.—Notwithstanding subparagraph (A),  
5           upon request by a family that includes a  
6           person with disabilities, an elderly family,  
7           or a family that includes any person who  
8           is less than 18 years of age, the public  
9           housing agency shall approve a utility al-  
10          lowance that is higher than the applicable  
11          amount on the utility allowance schedule,  
12          except that in the case of a family that in-  
13          cludes a person with disabilities, the agen-  
14          cy shall approve such higher amount only  
15          if a higher utility allowance is needed as a  
16          reasonable accommodation to make the  
17          program accessible to and usable by the  
18          family member with a disability.”; and

19           (2) by adding at the end the following new  
20          paragraph:

21           “(21) UTILITY DATA.—

22           “(A) PUBLICATION.—The Secretary shall,  
23           to the extent that data can be collected cost ef-  
24           fectively, regularly publish such data regarding  
25           utility consumption and costs in local areas as

1 the Secretary determines will be useful for the  
2 establishment of allowances for tenant-paid util-  
3 ities for families assisted under this subsection.

4 “(B) USE OF DATA.—The Secretary shall  
5 provide such data in a manner that—

6 “(i) avoids unnecessary administrative  
7 burdens for public housing agencies and  
8 owners; and

9 “(ii) protects families in various unit  
10 sizes and building types, and using various  
11 utilities, from high rent and utility cost  
12 burdens relative to income.”.

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