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# H. R. 3869

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. DEXTER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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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 “Every Veteran Housed  
5       Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR HOMELESSNESS**  
2 **BENEFITS UNDER LAWS ADMINISTERED BY**  
3 **THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

4 (a) EXPANSION.—Section 2002 of title 38, United  
5 States Code, is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a)—

7 (A) by striking “(a) IN GENERAL.—”; and

8 (B) by adding at the end the following new  
9 paragraphs:

10 “(3) The term ‘veteran’ includes a person who  
11 was discharged or released from a period of service  
12 as a member of the uniformed services—

13 “(A) under conditions other than—

14 “(i) dishonorable; or

15 “(ii) by reason of the sentence of a  
16 general court-martial; and

17 “(B) regardless of—

18 “(i) the length of such period of serv-  
19 ice;

20 “(ii) whether such member was a  
21 member of an active or reserve component  
22 of the uniformed services;

23 “(iii) whether such service was active  
24 duty;

1 “(iv) whether such person currently  
 2 serves as a member of the uniformed serv-  
 3 ices; and

4 “(v) whether such person was dis-  
 5 charged or released from another period of  
 6 service under conditions described in clause  
 7 (i) or (ii) of subparagraph (A).

8 “(4) The term ‘uniformed services’ has the  
 9 meaning given such term in section 101 of title 10.”;  
 10 and

11 (2) by striking subsection (b).

12 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

13 (1) CERTAIN SERVICE DEEMED TO BE ACTIVE  
 14 SERVICE.—Section 106(b) of such title is amended,  
 15 in the matter following paragraph (3), by inserting  
 16 “20,” after “19,”.

17 (2) MINIMUM ACTIVE-DUTY SERVICE REQUIRE-  
 18 MENT.—Section 5303A(b)(3)(F) of such title is  
 19 amended by striking “section 2011, 2012, 2013,  
 20 2044, or 2061” and inserting “chapter 20”.

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