

105TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1291

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 10, 1997

Mrs. KELLY (for herself, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. QUINN, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. McHUGH, Mr. LaFALCE, Mr. KING, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. NADLER, Mr. MANTON, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. HOUGHTON, Mr. ENGEL, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. OWENS, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. RANGEL) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Veterans Nursing Care  
3 Availability Act of 1997”.

4 **SEC. 2. REVISION TO MANNER BY WHICH THE SECRETARY**  
5 **OF VETERANS AFFAIRS RANKS APPLICANTS**  
6 **FOR GRANTS UNDER THE STATE HOME CON-**  
7 **STRUCTION GRANT PROGRAM.**

8       Section 8135(b)(2) of title 38, United States Code,  
9 is amended—

10           (1) by striking out subparagraphs (B) and (C)  
11 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

12           “(B) An application from a State that has a  
13 greater need for nursing home or domiciliary beds  
14 for veterans than other States from which applica-  
15 tions are received, determined by ranking the States  
16 in order by the number of such beds needed, with  
17 the number of such beds needed for each State com-  
18 puted on the basis of a requirement of four such  
19 beds for every 1,000 veterans residing in the State  
20 (and taking into account the number of such beds  
21 already in existence in a State).”; and

22           (2) by redesignating subparagraph (D) as sub-  
23 paragraph (C).

1 **SEC. 3. LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF GRANTS A GIVEN**  
2 **STATE MAY BE AWARDED IN ANY YEAR.**

3 Section 8135(b)(4) of title 38, United States Code,  
4 is amended by inserting before the period at the end the  
5 following: “, except that no State may be awarded more  
6 than one grant during any fiscal year”.

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