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To require certain entities that operate homeless shelters to identify and provide certain counseling to homeless veterans, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. COVERDELL, and Mr. HAGEL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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. REQUIREMENT TO IDENTIFY AND PROVIDE**
4 **COUNSELING TO HOMELESS VETERANS.**

5 (a) REQUIREMENT.—Each entity that receives a
6 grant from the Federal Government for purposes of pro-
7 viding emergency shelter for homeless individuals shall—

1 (1) identify whether or not each adult individ-
2 ual seeking such shelter from such entity is a vet-
3 eran; and

4 (2) provide each such individual who is a vet-
5 eran such counseling relating to the availability of
6 veterans benefits (including employment assistance,
7 health care benefits, and other benefits) as the Sec-
8 retary of Veterans Affairs considers appropriate.

9 (b) COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES.—The Secretary
10 of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of Housing and
11 Urban Development shall jointly coordinate the activities
12 required by subsection (a).

13 (c) NOTIFICATION.—(1) Entities referred to in sub-
14 section (a) shall notify the Secretary of Veterans Affairs
15 of the number and identity of the veterans identified under
16 paragraph (1) of that subsection.

17 (2) Such entities shall make such notification with
18 such frequency and in such form as the Secretary shall
19 specify.

20 (d) PROHIBITION ON FUNDS FOR NONCOMPLI-
21 ANCE.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an
22 entity referred to subsection (a) that fails to meet the re-
23 quirements specified in that subsection shall not be eligible
24 for additional grants or other Federal funds for purposes

- 1 of carrying out activities relating to emergency shelter for
- 2 homeless individuals.

