107TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4504

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 18, 2002

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA 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,*

SECTION 1. EXTENSION OF ELIGIBILITY UNDER THE NA-TIVE AMERICAN HOUSING LOAN PILOT PRO-GRAM TO A VETERAN WHO IS THE SPOUSE OF A NATIVE AMERICAN.

(a) IN GENERAL.—(1) Paragraph (2) of section 3764 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by inserting "or who is a qualified non-Native American veteran, as defined in paragraph (5)" before the period.

(2) Such section is further amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(5) The term 'qualified non-Native American veteran' means a veteran who is not a Native American and who is the spouse of a Native American.".

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 3762 of such title is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(k) With respect to direct housing loans made to a qualified non-Native American veteran, as defined in section 3764(5) of this title, any reference in this section to the jurisdiction of a tribal organization over a Native American veteran is deemed to be a reference to the Native American spouse of the qualified non-Native American veteran.".

1   (c) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Section

2 3762(c)(1)(A) of such title is amended by inserting ''vet-

3 eran'' after ''Native American''.

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