

108TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 294

To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the automobile assistance program for disabled veterans.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 8, 2003

Mrs. KELLY 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. AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE AUTOMOBILE ADAPT-**  
4                               **IVE ASSISTANCE BENEFIT DIRECTLY TO FI-**  
5                               **NANCIAL INSTITUTION.**

6       (a) AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE PAYMENT TO LENDER  
7       RATHER THAN SELLER.—Section 3902(a) of title 38,  
8       United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the  
9       following new sentence: “Under regulations prescribed by  
10      the Secretary, a payment under this subsection may be

1 made to the lender of a loan made for the purpose of fi-  
2 nancing the purchase of the automobile or other convey-  
3 ance, rather than to the seller.”.

4 (b) AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE PAYMENT AFTER PUR-  
5 CHASE.—Section 3902 of such title is further amended by  
6 adding at the end the following new subsection:

7 “(e) In the case of an eligible person who makes a  
8 purchase for which assistance could be provided under  
9 subsection (a) but who, as determined by the Secretary,  
10 does not apply for such assistance in a timely manner due  
11 to lack of knowledge of the availability of such assistance,  
12 the Secretary may provide such assistance after the pur-  
13 chase by payment directly to that person upon application  
14 made within 90 days after the date of the purchase.”.

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