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# H. R. 1370

To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs an Office of National Veterans Sports Programs and Special Events.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 7, 2007

Mr. BUYER (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Ms. HERSETH, and Mr. LAMBORN) 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 “Disabled Veterans  
5       Sports and Special Events Promotion Act of 2007”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE OF**  
2 **NATIONAL VETERANS SPORTS PROGRAMS**  
3 **AND SPECIAL EVENTS.**

4 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE OF NATIONAL VET-  
5 ERANS SPORTS PROGRAMS AND SPECIAL EVENTS.—

6 Chapter 3 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by  
7 adding at the end the following new section:

8 **“§ 321. Office of National Veterans Sports Programs**  
9 **and Special Events**

10 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is in the Department  
11 an Office of National Veterans Sports Programs and Spe-  
12 cial Events. There is at the head of the Office a Director.

13 “(b) RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTOR.—Subject to  
14 the direction of the Secretary, the Director—

15 “(1) shall establish and carry out qualifying  
16 programs and events;

17 “(2) may provide for sponsorship by the De-  
18 partment of qualifying programs and events;

19 “(3) may provide for, facilitate, and encourage  
20 participation by disabled veterans in qualifying pro-  
21 grams and events; and

22 “(4) shall cooperate with the United States  
23 Olympic Committee and its subsidiaries to promote  
24 the participation of disabled veterans in sporting  
25 events sponsored by the United States Olympic  
26 Committee and its subsidiaries.

1       “(c) QUALIFYING PROGRAM OR EVENT.—For pur-  
2 poses of this section, a qualifying program or event is a  
3 sports program or other event in which veterans with dis-  
4 abilities participate and that is approved by the Secretary  
5 as being consistent with the goals and missions of the De-  
6 partment.

7       “(d) MONTHLY ASSISTANCE ALLOWANCE.—(1) The  
8 Director may provide a monthly assistance allowance to  
9 a veteran with a service-connected disability for any month  
10 in which the veteran is participating in any event sanc-  
11 tioned by the United States Olympic Committee or who  
12 is residing at a United States Olympic Committee training  
13 center.

14       “(2) The amount of the monthly assistance payable  
15 to a veteran under paragraph (1) shall be equal to the  
16 monthly amount of subsistence allowance that would be  
17 payable to the veteran under chapter 31 of this title if  
18 the veteran were eligible for and entitled to rehabilitation  
19 under such chapter.

20       “(3) Any amount of assistance paid to a veteran  
21 under this subsection shall be in addition to any other as-  
22 sistance available to the veteran under any other provision  
23 of law.

24       “(e) SUPPORT FOR UNITED STATES OLYMPIC COM-  
25 MITTEE MILITARY PARALYMPIC PROGRAM.—(1) The Sec-

1   retary shall enter into a memorandum of understanding  
2   with the United States Olympic Committee under which  
3   the Secretary shall agree to provide support, including di-  
4   rect support and reimbursement for Committee expendi-  
5   tures, for the military paralympic program of the Com-  
6   mittee.

7       “(2) In the documents providing detailed information  
8   on the budget for the Department that the Secretary sub-  
9   mits to Congress in conjunction with the President’s budg-  
10   et submission for each fiscal year pursuant to section 1105  
11   of title 31, the Secretary shall set forth separately the  
12   amount requested to carry out this section under the fol-  
13   lowing heading: ‘United States Olympic Committee Mili-  
14   tary Paralympic Program Support’.

15       “(3) There is authorized to be appropriated to carry  
16   out this subsection \$2,000,000 for each fiscal year.”.

17       (b) DEADLINE FOR MEMORANDUM OF UNDER-  
18   STANDING.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the  
19   enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs  
20   shall enter into the memorandum of understanding with  
21   the United States Olympic Committee required under sec-  
22   tion 321(e)(1) of title 38, United States Code, as added  
23   by subsection (a).

- 1       (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
2 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding  
3 at the end the following new item:

“321. Office of National Veterans Sports Programs and Special Events.”.

