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H. R. 2735

To amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements to the comprehensive service programs for homeless veterans.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RODRIGUEZ (for himself and Mr. NYE) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

To amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements to the comprehensive service programs for homeless veterans.

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. AVAILABILITY OF GRANT FUNDS TO SERVICE**
4 **CENTERS FOR PERSONNEL.**

5 Section 2011 of title 38, United States Code, is
6 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
7 section:

8 “(i) AVAILABILITY OF GRANT FUNDS FOR SERVICE
9 CENTER PERSONNEL.—A grant under this section for a
10 service center for homeless veterans may be used to pro-

1 vide funding for staff, as necessary, in order for the center
 2 to meet the service availability requirements of subsection
 3 (g)(1).”.

4 **SEC. 2. IMPROVEMENT OF PAYMENTS FOR PROVIDING**
 5 **SERVICES TO HOMELESS VETERANS.**

6 (a) IMPROVEMENT OF PAYMENTS.—Section 2012 of
 7 title 38, United States Code, is amended—

8 (1) by striking “per diem” and wherever it ap-
 9 pears;

10 (2) in subsection (a)(2)—

11 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

12 (i) by striking “daily cost of care”
 13 and inserting “annual cost of furnishing
 14 services”; and

15 (ii) by striking the second sentence;

16 (B) by striking subparagraph (B) and in-
 17 serting the following new subparagraph (B):

18 “(B) The Secretary shall annually increase the rate
 19 of payment under subparagraph (A) to reflect anticipated
 20 changes in the cost of furnishing services and to take into
 21 account the cost of providing services in a particular geo-
 22 graphic area. The Secretary may set a maximum amount
 23 payable to a grant recipient under this section.”;

24 (C) in subparagraph (C), by striking
 25 “other sources of income” and all that follows

1 through the period at the end and inserting
2 “the cost of services provided to the grant re-
3 cipient as the Secretary may require to assist
4 the Secretary in making the determination
5 under subparagraph (A)”;

6 (D) by striking subparagraph (D) and in-
7 serting the following new subparagraph (D):

8 “(D) In making the determination under subpara-
9 graph (A), the Secretary may consider the availability of
10 other sources of income, including payments to the grant
11 recipient or eligible entity for furnishing services to home-
12 less veterans under programs other than under this sub-
13 chapter, payments or grants from other departments or
14 agencies of the United States, from departments or agen-
15 cies of State or local governments, or from private entities
16 or organizations.”; and

17 (E) by striking paragraph (3) and insert-
18 ing the following new paragraph (3):

19 “(3) Payments under this subsection to a grant re-
20 cipient or eligible entity may be used to match, or in com-
21 bination with, other payments or grants for which the re-
22 cipient or entity is eligible.”; and

23 (3) in subsection (c)—

24 (A) by striking paragraph (2); and

1 (B) by redesignating paragraph (3) as
2 paragraph (2).

3 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

4 (1) SECTION HEADING.—The section heading
5 for such section is amended to read as follows:

6 **“§ 2012. Payments for furnishing services to homeless**
7 **veterans”.**

8 (2) SUBSECTION HEADING.—The heading for
9 subsection (a) of such section is amended by striking
10 “PER DIEM”.

11 (3) TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The table of sections
12 at the beginning of chapter 20 of such title is
13 amended by striking the item relating to section
14 2012 and inserting the following new item:

“2012. Payments for furnishing services to homeless veterans.”.

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