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To amend title 38, United States Code, to require recipients of grants and other assistance from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for the provision of housing and other services for homeless veterans to comply with codes relevant to operations and level of care provided, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 17, 2012

Mr. MCKINLEY (for himself, Ms. WATERS, and Mrs. NAPOLITANO) introduced the following bill; which was 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Safe Housing for
5 Homeless Veterans Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONDITIONS ON THE AWARD OF GRANTS BY THE**
2 **SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FOR THE**
3 **PROVISION OF HOUSING OR SERVICES TO**
4 **HOMELESS VETERANS.**

5 (a) CONDITION; PRIORITY IN ADMINISTRATION.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 20
7 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by add-
8 ing at the end the following new section:

9 **“§ 2004. Condition on the award of grants and other**
10 **assistance for the provision of housing or**
11 **services to homeless veterans**

12 “(a) LIMITATION.—The Secretary may not make a
13 grant or provide other assistance to any entity for the pro-
14 vision of housing or services to homeless veterans under
15 this chapter unless the entity submits to the Secretary a
16 certification that the building where the entity proposes
17 to provide such housing or services is in compliance with
18 codes relevant to operations and level of care provided, in-
19 cluding the most current Life Safety Code and all applica-
20 ble State and local housing codes, licensing requirements,
21 fire and safety requirements, and any other requirements
22 in the jurisdiction in which the project is located regarding
23 the condition of the structure and the operation of the
24 supportive housing or service center.

25 “(b) PRIORITY IN ADMINISTRATION OF GRANTS.—In
26 awarding grants and providing other assistance under this

1 chapter, the Secretary shall give priority to an entity seek-
2 ing a grant or assistance for a project that includes mak-
3 ing improvements to a building where the entity proposes
4 to provide housing or services to homeless veterans to en-
5 sure that such building meets codes relevant to operations
6 and level of care provided, as required under subsection
7 (a).”.

8 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
9 tions at the beginning of such chapter is amended
10 by adding at the end of the items relating to such
11 subchapter the following new item:

“2004. Condition on the award of grants and other assistance for the provision
of housing or services to homeless veterans.”.

12 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
13 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to an application
14 for a grant or other assistance under chapter 20 of title
15 38, United States Code, submitted on or after the date
16 of the enactment of this Act.

17 (c) TREATMENT OF CURRENT RECIPIENTS.—In the
18 case of the recipient of a grant or other assistance under
19 chapter 20 of title 38, United States Code, that receives
20 grant funds or other assistance provided by the Secretary
21 of Veterans Affairs for the fiscal year during which this
22 Act is enacted, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall re-
23 quire the recipient to submit the certification required
24 under section 2004 of such title, as added by subsection

1 (a), by not later than two years after the date of the enact-
2 ment of this Act. If the recipient fails to submit such cer-
3 tification by such date, the Secretary may not make any
4 additional payments or provide other assistance to the re-
5 cipient under such chapter until the recipient submits such
6 certification.

