

112TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5999

To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide specially adapted housing assistance to blind veterans.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 21, 2012

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide specially adapted housing assistance to blind 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. SHORT TITLE.**

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

1 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATION OF STANDARD OF VISUAL ACUITY**
2 **REQUIRED FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR SPECIALLY**
3 **ADAPTED HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROVIDED**
4 **BY THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2101(b)(2)(A) of title 38,
6 United States Code, is amended by striking “with 5/200”
7 and all that follows through the period and inserting the
8 following: “with central visual acuity of 20/200 or less in
9 the better eye with the use of standard correcting lenses
10 (for purposes of this subparagraph, an eye which is accom-
11 panied by a limitation in the fields of vision such that the
12 widest diameter of the visual field subtends an angle no
13 greater than 20 degrees shall be treated as having a cen-
14 tral visual acuity of 20/200 or less).”.

15 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
16 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to specially adapted
17 housing assistance provided on or after the date of the
18 enactment of this Act.

○