

112TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 3324

To authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to award grants to nonprofit organizations for the construction of facilities for temporary lodging in connection with the examination, treatment, or care of a veteran under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 20, 2012

Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts (for himself and Mr. BURR) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 “Housing for Families
5 of Ill and Injured Veterans Act of 2012”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORITY FOR SECRETARY OF VETERANS AF-**
 2 **FAIRS TO AWARD GRANTS FOR CONSTRUC-**
 3 **TION OF FACILITIES FOR TEMPORARY LODG-**
 4 **ING OF VETERANS RECEIVING HEALTH CARE**
 5 **AT DEPARTMENT MEDICAL CENTERS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 17 of title
 7 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end
 8 the following new section:

9 **“§ 1709. Grants for construction of temporary lodging**

10 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may award a
 11 grant to Fisher House Foundation, Inc. for the construc-
 12 tion, furnishing, and decorating of a Fisher house for the
 13 provision of temporary lodging under section 1708(a) of
 14 this title.

15 “(b) GIFTS AND DONATIONS.—The Secretary may
 16 accept, use, and dispose of gifts or donations of services
 17 or property for purposes of awarding grants under sub-
 18 section (a) or operating and maintaining a Fisher house
 19 for the provision of temporary lodging under section
 20 1708(a) of this title.

21 “(c) FISHER HOUSE DEFINED.—In this section, the
 22 term ‘Fisher house’ has the meaning given the term in
 23 section 1708 of this title.

24 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
 25 is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry

1 out this section \$4,000,000 for fiscal year 2013 and each
2 fiscal year thereafter.”.

3 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
4 at the beginning of chapter 17 of such title is amended
5 by inserting after the item relating to section 1708 the
6 following new item:

“1709. Grants for construction of temporary lodging.”.

