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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Urban Affairs

AN ACT

To exclude from consideration as income under the United States Housing Act of 1937 payments of pension made under section 1521 of title 38, United States Code, to veterans who are in need of regular aid and attendance, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Vulnerable Veterans
3 Housing Reform Act of 2013”.

4 **SEC. 2. EXCLUSION FROM INCOME.**

5 Paragraph (4) of section 3(b) of the United States
6 Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437a(b)(4)) is amend-
7 ed—

8 (1) by striking “and any amounts” and insert-
9 ing “, any amounts”;

10 (2) by striking “or any deferred” and inserting
11 “, any deferred”; and

12 (3) by inserting after “prospective monthly
13 amounts” the following: “, and any expenses related
14 to aid and attendance as detailed under section 1521
15 of title 38, United States Code”.

16 **SEC. 3. UTILITY ALLOWANCES AND DATA.**

17 Section 8(o) of the United States Housing Act of
18 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)) is amended—

19 (1) in paragraph (2), by adding at the end the
20 following new subparagraph:

21 “(D) UTILITY ALLOWANCE.—

22 “(i) IN GENERAL.—In determining
23 the monthly assistance payment for a fam-
24 ily under subparagraphs (A) and (B), the
25 amount allowed for tenant-paid utilities
26 shall not exceed the appropriate utility al-

1 lowance for the family unit size as deter-
2 mined by the public housing agency re-
3 gardless of the size of the dwelling unit
4 leased by the family.

5 “(ii) EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN FAMI-
6 LIES.—Notwithstanding subparagraph (A),
7 upon request by a family that includes a
8 person with disabilities, an elderly family,
9 or a family that includes any person who
10 is less than 18 years of age, the public
11 housing agency shall approve a utility al-
12 lowance that is higher than the applicable
13 amount on the utility allowance schedule,
14 except that in the case of a family that in-
15 cludes a person with disabilities, the agen-
16 cy shall approve such higher amount only
17 if a higher utility allowance is needed as a
18 reasonable accommodation to make the
19 program accessible to and usable by the
20 family member with a disability.”; and

21 (2) by adding at the end the following new
22 paragraph:

23 “(21) UTILITY DATA.—

24 “(A) PUBLICATION.—The Secretary shall,
25 to the extent that data can be collected cost ef-

1 fectively, regularly publish such data regarding
2 utility consumption and costs in local areas as
3 the Secretary determines will be useful for the
4 establishment of allowances for tenant-paid util-
5 ities for families assisted under this subsection.

6 “(B) USE OF DATA.—The Secretary shall
7 provide such data in a manner that—

8 “(i) avoids unnecessary administrative
9 burdens for public housing agencies and
10 owners; and

11 “(ii) protects families in various unit
12 sizes and building types, and using various
13 utilities, from high rent and utility cost
14 burdens relative to income.”.

Passed the House of Representatives October 28,
2013.

Attest:

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Clerk.