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# H. R. 3389

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 25, 2017

Ms. BARRAGÁN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Financial Services

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## 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 Homeless  
5 Veterans Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. ALLOCATION OF HUD-VASH VOUCHERS.**

2 (a) AMENDMENT TO VASH PROGRAM.—Paragraph  
3 (19) of section 8(o) of the United States Housing Act of  
4 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)(19)) is amended by adding at  
5 the end the following new subparagraphs:

6 “(D) ALLOCATION CRITERIA.—Notwith-  
7 standing any other provision of law (including  
8 paragraph (6) under the heading ‘Public and  
9 Indian Housing—Tenant-Based Rental Assist-  
10 ance’ in title II of division K of Public Law  
11 115–31), in making amounts for assistance  
12 under this paragraph available among public  
13 housing agencies in each fiscal year, the Sec-  
14 retary shall give priority to public housing  
15 agencies that—

16 “(i) serve areas having the highest  
17 numbers of homeless veterans; and

18 “(ii) have fully utilized their available  
19 funds under this paragraph for the pre-  
20 ceding fiscal year and have a demonstrated  
21 need for incremental assistance under this  
22 paragraph.

23 “(E) REALLOCATION OF UNUSED VOUCH-  
24 ERS FOR VASH ASSISTANCE.—

1           “(i) RECAPTURE AND REALLOCA-  
2           TION.—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
3           sion of law, the Secretary shall—

4                   “(I) recapture from any public  
5                   housing agency described in clause (ii)  
6                   any amounts of assistance provided  
7                   under this paragraph to the agency  
8                   that are not—

9                           “(aa) under lease after 24  
10                           months;

11                           “(bb) committed under an  
12                           agreement to enter into a hous-  
13                           ing assistance payments contract;  
14                           or

15                           “(cc) committed, under a  
16                           commitment of award letter that  
17                           has been approved by the board  
18                           of governors or other similar gov-  
19                           erning body of the public housing  
20                           agency, for project-based voucher  
21                           assistance for a project; and

22                   “(II) reallocate any recaptured  
23                   amounts to public housing authorities  
24                   that have leased their entire allocation  
25                   of assistance under this paragraph.

1                   “(ii) AGENCIES SUBJECT TO RECAP-  
2                   TURE.—An agency described in this clause  
3                   is an agency whose jurisdiction is located  
4                   within an area within which the homeless  
5                   population has decreased, according to the  
6                   point-in-time information of the Secretary  
7                   for the two most recent reporting periods  
8                   for such information.”.

9           (b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by sub-  
10 section (a) shall apply to amounts made available—

11                   (1) by paragraph (6) under the heading “Public  
12                   and Indian Housing—Tenant-Based Rental Assist-  
13                   ance” in title II of division K of Public Law 115–  
14                   31, to the extent such amounts remain unobligated  
15                   as of the date of the enactment of this Act; and

16                   (2) by any other provision of law enacted after  
17                   the date of the enactment of this Act.

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