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H. R. 8275

To amend title 38, United States Code, and the Honoring America's Veterans and Caring for Camp Lejeune Families Act of 2012, to make certain enhancements to grants and agreements between the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and entities that provide services to homeless veterans.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 16, 2020

Mr. MCCARTHY (for himself, Mr. LEVIN of California, Mr. DAVID P. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. BANKS, Mr. BERGMAN, Mr. STEUBE, Mr. BOST, Mr. DUNN, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. MEUSER, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. COOK, and Mrs. RADEWAGEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Reducing Veteran
3 Homelessness Act of 2020”.

4 **SEC. 2. IMPROVEMENTS TO GRANTS AND AGREEMENTS BE-**
5 **TWEEN THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AF-**
6 **FAIRS AND ENTITIES THAT PROVIDE SERV-**
7 **ICES TO HOMELESS VETERANS.**

8 Section 2012(a)(2)(B) of title 38, United States
9 Code, is amended—

10 (1) by striking clause (i) and inserting the fol-
11 lowing:

12 “(i) Except as provided in clause (ii), the rate deter-
13 mined under this paragraph shall be the higher of—

14 “(I) 125 percent of the rate authorized for
15 State homes for domiciliary care under subsection
16 (a)(1)(A) of section 1741 of this title, as the Sec-
17 retary may increase from time to time under sub-
18 section (c) of that section; or

19 “(II) regulations prescribed by the Secretary
20 that determine such rate based on locality.”; and

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

23 “(iii) The Secretary may reimburse the recipient of
24 a grant under section 2011, 2012, 2013, or 2061 of this
25 title for fees charged to that grant recipient for the use
26 of the homeless management information system described

1 in section 402 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assist-
 2 ance Act (Public Law 100–77; 42 U.S.C. 11630a)—

3 “(I) in amounts the Secretary determines to be
 4 reasonable; and

5 “(II) if the Secretary determines that the grant
 6 recipient is unable to obtain information contained
 7 in such system through other means and at no cost
 8 to the grant recipient.”.

9 **SEC. 3. CONTRACTING FOR HUD-VASH CASE MANAGERS.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 304 of the Honoring
 11 America’s Veterans and Caring for Camp Lejeune Fami-
 12 lies Act of 2012 (Public Law 112–154; 38 U.S.C. 2041
 13 note) is amended—

14 (1) in subsection (a)—

15 (A) by inserting “(1)” before “The Sec-
 16 retary”; and

17 (B) by adding at the end the following new
 18 paragraphs:

19 “(2)(A) Subject to subparagraphs (B) and (C), the
 20 director of a covered medical center shall seek to enter
 21 into a contract or agreement described in paragraph (1).

22 “(B) A contract or agreement under subparagraph
 23 (A) may require that a case manager employed by an eligi-
 24 ble entity have credentials equivalent to those of a case
 25 manager of the Department.

1 “(C) The Secretary may waive the requirement under
2 subparagraph (A) if the Secretary determines that ful-
3 filling such requirement is infeasible. If the Secretary
4 grants such a waiver, the Secretary shall submit, not later
5 than 90 days after granting such waiver, to the Commit-
6 tees on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate and House of Rep-
7 resentatives, a report containing—

8 “(i) an explanation of that determination;

9 “(ii) a plan to increase the number of case
10 managers of the Department; and

11 “(iii) a plan for the covered medical center to
12 increase use of such vouchers.

13 “(D) In this paragraph, the term ‘covered medical
14 center’ means a medical center of the Department that
15 the Secretary determines—

16 “(i) had more than 15 percent of all vouchers
17 allocated to that medical center under the program
18 described in paragraph (1) through the fiscal year
19 preceding such determination go unused due to a
20 lack of case management services provided by the
21 Secretary; and

22 “(ii) has a case manager position that has been
23 vacant for at least nine consecutive months imme-
24 diately preceding the date of such determination.”;
25 and

1 (2) in subsection (b)(2)—

2 (A) in the matter before subparagraph (A),
3 by striking “, including because—” and insert-
4 ing a period; and

5 (B) by striking subparagraphs (A), (B),
6 and (C).

7 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
8 this section shall take effect on the first day of the first
9 fiscal year to begin on or after the date of the enactment
10 of this Act.

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