

105TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 714

AN ACT

To extend and improve the Native American Veteran Housing Loan Pilot Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to extend certain authorities of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs relating to services for homeless veterans, to extend certain other authorities of the Secretary, 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. EXTENSION AND IMPROVEMENT OF NATIVE**
2 **AMERICAN VETERAN HOUSING LOAN PRO-**
3 **GRAM.**

4 (a) EXTENSION.—Section 3761(c) of title 38, United
5 States Code, is amended by striking out “September 30,
6 1997” and inserting in lieu thereof “December 31, 2003”.

7 (b) OUTREACH.—Section 3762(i) of such title is
8 amended—

9 (1) by inserting “(1)” after “(i)”;

10 (2) in paragraph (1), as so designated—

11 (A) by inserting “, in consultation with
12 tribal organizations (including the National
13 Congress of American Indians and the National
14 American Indian Housing Council),” after “The
15 Secretary shall”; and

16 (B) by striking out “tribal organizations
17 and”; and

18 (3) by adding at the end the following:

19 “(2) Activities under the outreach program shall in-
20 clude the following:

21 “(A) Attending conferences and conventions
22 conducted by the National Congress of American In-
23 dians in order to work with the National Congress
24 in providing information and training to tribal orga-
25 nizations and Native American veterans regarding
26 the availability of housing benefits under the pilot

1 program and in assisting such organizations and vet-
2 erans in participating in the pilot program.

3 “(B) Attending conferences and conventions
4 conducted by the National American Indian Housing
5 Council in order to work with the Housing Council
6 in providing information and training to tribal orga-
7 nizations and tribal housing entities regarding the
8 availability of such benefits.

9 “(C) Attending conferences and conventions
10 conducted by the Department of Hawaiian Home-
11 lands in order to work with the Department of Ha-
12 waiian Homelands in providing information and
13 training to tribal housing entities in Hawaii regard-
14 ing the availability of such benefits.

15 “(D) Producing and disseminating information
16 to tribal governments, tribal veterans service organi-
17 zations, and tribal organizations regarding the avail-
18 ability of such benefits.

19 “(E) Assisting tribal organizations and Native
20 American veterans in participating in the pilot pro-
21 gram.”.

22 (c) ANNUAL REPORTS.—Section 3762 of such title
23 is further amended by adding at the end the following:

24 “(j) Not later than February 1 of each of 1998
25 through 2003, the Secretary shall transmit to the Commit-

1 tees on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and House of Rep-
2 resentatives a report relating to—

3 “(1) the implementation of the pilot program
4 under this subchapter during the fiscal year preced-
5 ing the date of the report;

6 “(2) the Secretary's exercise during such fiscal
7 year of the authority provided under subsection
8 (c)(1)(B) to make loans exceeding the maximum
9 loan amount;

10 “(3) the appraisals performed for the Secretary
11 during such fiscal year under the authority of sub-
12 section (d)(2), including a description of—

13 “(A) the manner in which such appraisals
14 were performed;

15 “(B) the qualifications of the appraisers
16 who performed such appraisals; and

17 “(C) the actions taken by the Secretary
18 with respect to such appraisals to protect the
19 interests of veterans and the United States;

20 “(4) the outreach activities undertaken under
21 subsection (i) during such fiscal year, including—

22 “(A) a description of such activities on a
23 region-by-region basis; and

24 “(B) an assessment of the effectiveness of
25 such activities in encouraging the participation

1 of Native American veterans in the pilot pro-
2 gram;

3 “(5) the pool of Native American veterans who
4 are eligible for participation in the pilot program, in-
5 cluding—

6 “(A) a description and analysis of the pool;
7 and

8 “(B) a description and assessment of the
9 impediments, if any, to full participation in the
10 pilot program of the Native American veterans
11 in the pool; and

12 “(6) the Secretary’s recommendations, if any,
13 for additional legislation regarding the pilot pro-
14 gram.”.

15 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITIES RELATING TO HOME-**
16 **LESS VETERANS.**

17 (a) DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE AND DEPEND-
18 ENCE.—Section 1720A(e) of title 38, United States Code,
19 is amended by striking out “December 31, 1997” and in-
20 serting in lieu thereof “December 31, 1999”.

21 (b) AGREEMENTS FOR HOUSING ASSISTANCE FOR
22 HOMELESS VETERANS.—Section 3735(c) of such title is
23 amended by striking out “December 31, 1997” and insert-
24 ing in lieu thereof “December 31, 1999”.

1 (c) AUTHORITY FOR COMMUNITY-BASED RESIDEN-
2 TIAL CARE FOR HOMELESS CHRONICALLY MENTALLY ILL
3 VETERANS AND OTHER VETERANS.—Section 115(d) of
4 the Veterans’ Benefits and Services Act of 1988 (38
5 U.S.C. 1712 note) is amended by striking out “December
6 31, 1998” and inserting in lieu thereof “December 31,
7 1999”.

8 (d) DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM OF COMPENSATED
9 WORK THERAPY.—Section 7(a) of Public Law 102–54
10 (38 U.S.C. 1718 note) is amended by striking out “De-
11 cember 31, 1997” and inserting in lieu thereof “December
12 31, 1999”.

13 (e) SERVICES AND ASSISTANCE TO HOMELESS VET-
14 ERANS.—The Homeless Veterans Comprehensive Service
15 Programs Act of 1992 (38 U.S.C. 7721 note) is amend-
16 ed—

17 (1) in section 2(a), by striking out “September
18 30, 1997” and inserting in lieu thereof “September
19 30, 1999”;

20 (2) in section 3(a)(2), by striking out “Septem-
21 ber 30, 1997” and inserting in lieu thereof “Septem-
22 ber 30, 1999”; and

23 (3) in section 12, by striking out “through
24 1997” and inserting in lieu thereof “through 1999”.

1 (f) HOMELESS VETERANS' REINTEGRATION
2 PROJECTS.—(1) Section 738(e)(1) of the Stewart B.
3 McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
4 11448(e)(1)) is amended by adding at the end the follow-
5 ing:

6 “(G) \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 1999.”.

7 (2) Section 741 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 11450) is
8 amended by striking out “December 31, 1997” and insert-
9 ing in lieu thereof “December 31, 1999”.

10 **SEC. 3. EXTENSION AND EXPANSION OF ENHANCED-USE**
11 **LEASE AUTHORITY.**

12 (a) EXPANSION.—Section 8168(a) of title 38, United
13 States Code, is amended by striking out “20” and insert-
14 ing in lieu thereof “40”.

15 (b) EXTENSION.—Section 8169 of such title is
16 amended by striking out “December 31, 1997” and insert-
17 ing in lieu thereof “December 31, 1999”.

18 **SEC. 4. EXTENSION OF CERTAIN OTHER AUTHORITIES OF**
19 **THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

20 (a) PILOT PROGRAM FOR NONINSTITUTIONAL AL-
21 TERNATIVES TO NURSING HOME CARE.—Section
22 1720C(a) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by
23 striking out “December 31, 1997” and inserting in lieu
24 thereof “December 31, 1999”.

1 (b) HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PRO-
2 GRAM.—Section 7618 of such title is amended by striking
3 out “December 31, 1997” and inserting in lieu thereof
4 “December 31, 1999”.

Passed the Senate November 5, 1997.

Attest:

Secretary.

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