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To amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the amount of assistance available to disabled veterans for specially adapted housing and to provide for annual increases in such amount.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 16, 2006

Ms. HERSETH (for herself, Mr. CASE, Mr. EVANS, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. FILNER, Mr. STRICKLAND, Ms. CARSON, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, and Mr. FARR) introduced the following bill; which was 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 “Disabled Veterans
5 Adaptive Housing Improvement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE**
2 **TO DISABLED VETERANS FOR SPECIALLY**
3 **ADAPTED HOUSING.**

4 Section 2102 of title 38, United States Code, is
5 amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “\$50,000”
7 and inserting “\$60,000, as increased under sub-
8 section (c),”; and

9 (2) in subsection (b)(2), by striking “\$10,000.”
10 and inserting “\$12,000, as increased under sub-
11 section (c).”.

12 **SEC. 3. INDEX OF AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TO**
13 **REFLECT INCREASE IN COST OF RESIDEN-**
14 **TIAL HOME CONSTRUCTION.**

15 Section 2102 of title 38, United States Code, as
16 amended by section 2, is further amended—

17 (1) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-
18 section (d); and

19 (2) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
20 lowing new subsection (c):

21 “(c)(1) Effective on October 1 of each year (begin-
22 ning in 2007), the Secretary shall increase the amounts
23 in effect under subsections (a) and (b)(2) in accordance
24 with this subsection.

25 “(2) The increase in amounts under paragraph (1)
26 to take effect on October 1 of any year shall be the per-

1 centage by which (A) the residential home cost-of-con-
2 struction index for the preceding calendar year exceeds
3 (B) the residential home cost-of-construction index for the
4 year preceding that year.

5 “(3) The Secretary shall establish a residential home
6 cost-of-construction index for the purposes of this sub-
7 section. The index shall reflect a uniform, national average
8 increase in the cost of residential home construction, de-
9 termined on a calendar year basis. The Secretary may use
10 an index developed in the private sector that the Secretary
11 determines is appropriate for purposes of this sub-
12 section.”.

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