

109<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# S. 917

To amend title 38, United States Code, to make permanent the pilot program for direct housing loans for Native American veterans.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 27, 2005

Mr. AKAKA introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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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. PERMANENT AUTHORITY FOR HOUSING LOANS**  
4 **FOR NATIVE AMERICAN VETERANS.**

5 (a) PERMANENT AUTHORITY.—Section 3761 of title  
6 38, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

1 **“§ 3761. Authority for housing loans for Native Amer-**  
2 **ican veterans**

3 “(a) The Secretary shall make direct housing loans  
4 to Native American veterans in accordance with the provi-  
5 sions of this subchapter.

6 “(b) The purpose of loans under this subchapter is  
7 to permit Native American veterans to purchase, con-  
8 struct, or improve dwellings on trust land.”.

9 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 3762 of  
10 such title is amended—

11 (1) in subsection (a), by inserting “under this  
12 subchapter” after “Native American veteran” in the  
13 matter preceding paragraph (1);

14 (2) in subsection (b)(1)(E), by striking “in  
15 order to ensure” and all that follows and inserting  
16 a period;

17 (3) in subsection (c)(1)(B), by striking “shall  
18 be the amount” and all that follows in the second  
19 sentence and inserting “shall be such amount as the  
20 Secretary considers appropriate for the purpose of  
21 this subchapter.”;

22 (4) in subsection (d)(1), by striking the second  
23 sentence;

24 (5) in subsection (i)—

25 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “of the  
26 pilot program” and all that follows and insert-

1           ing “of the availability of direct housing loans  
2           for Native American veterans under this sub-  
3           chapter.”; and

4                   (B) in paragraph (2)—

5                           (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking  
6                           “under the pilot program” and all that fol-  
7                           lows and inserting “under this sub-  
8                           chapter”; and

9                           (ii) in subparagraph (E), by striking  
10                           “in participating in the pilot program” and  
11                           inserting “in participating in the making  
12                           of direct loans under this subchapter”; and

13                   (6) by striking subsection (j).

14           (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—(1) The heading of  
15           subchapter V of chapter 37 of such title is amended to  
16           read as follows:

17                   “SUBCHAPTER V—HOUSING LOANS FOR  
18                   NATIVE AMERICAN VETERANS”.

19           (2) The table of contents for such chapter is amend-  
20           ed—

21                   (A) by striking the matter relating to the sub-  
22                   chapter heading of subchapter V and inserting the  
23                   following new item:

                  “SUBCHAPTER V—HOUSING LOANS FOR NATIVE AMERICAN VETERANS”;

24           and

- 1 (B) by striking the item relating to section
- 2 3761 and inserting the following new item:

“3761. Authority for housing loans for Native American veterans.”.

