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To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the furnishing of benefits for homeless veterans who are women or who have dependents, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

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A BILL

To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the furnishing of benefits for homeless veterans who are women or who have dependents, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. IMPROVEMENTS TO BENEFITS FOR HOMELESS VETERANS WHO ARE WOMEN OR HAVE DEPENDENTS.

(a) AUTHORIZATION OF PER DIEM PAYMENTS FOR FURNISHING CARE TO DEPENDENTS OF CERTAIN HOMELESS VETERANS.—Section 2012(a) of title 38, United

States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

''(4) Services for which a recipient of a grant under section 2011 of this title (or an entity described in paragraph (1)) may receive per diem payments under this subsection may include furnishing care for a dependent of a homeless veteran who is under the care of such homeless veteran while such homeless veteran receives services from the grant recipient (or entity).''.

(b) MINIMUM EXPENDITURES ON GRANT PROGRAM FOR HOMELESS VETERANS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS, INCLUDING WOMEN VETERANS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 2061(c) of such title is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

''(3) The Secretary shall ensure that the total amount of grants awarded under subsection (a) in a year is not less than the amount that is 15 percent of the total amount of grants awarded under section 2011 of this title in that year.''.

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Paragraph (1) of such section is amended—

(A) by striking ''for 'Medical Services' for each'' and inserting the following: ''for 'Medical Services'—

"(A) for each";

(B) in subparagraph (A), as designated by subparagraph (A), by striking the period at the end and inserting "; and"; and

(C) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

"(B) for fiscal year 2013 and each fiscal year thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the purposes of the program under this section.".

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