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To make permanent the Native American Veteran Housing Loan Pilot Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 7, 1997

Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. D'AMATO, and Mr. JOHNSON) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

OCTOBER 30, 1997

Reported by Mr. SPECTER, with an amendment and an amendment to the title
[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

A BILL

To make permanent the Native American Veteran Housing Loan Pilot Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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. PERMANENT AUTHORITY FOR NATIVE AMER-**
 2 **ICAN VETERAN HOUSING LOAN PROGRAM.**

3 (a) **PERMANENT AUTHORITY.**—Section 3761 of title
 4 38, United States Code, is amended by striking out sub-
 5 section (e).

6 (b) **CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**—(1) Section
 7 3761(a) of such title is amended—

8 (A) by striking out “shall establish and imple-
 9 ment a pilot program” and inserting in lieu thereof
 10 “shall carry out a pilot program”; and

11 (B) by striking out “shall establish and imple-
 12 ment the pilot program” and inserting in lieu there-
 13 of “shall carry out the pilot program”.

14 (2) Sections 3761(b) and 3762(i) of such title are
 15 each amended by striking out “pilot program” and insert-
 16 ing in lieu thereof “program”.

17 (3) Section 3762 of such title is amended—

18 (A) in subsection (b)(1)(E), by striking out
 19 “pilot program established under this subchapter is
 20 implemented” and inserting in lieu thereof “program
 21 under this subchapter is carried out”; and

22 (B) in subsection (e)(1)(B), by striking out the
 23 second sentence.

24 (4)(A) The subchapter heading for subchapter V of
 25 chapter 37 of such title is amended by striking out
 26 “PILOT”.

1 (B) The section heading for section 3761 of such title
2 is amended to read as follows:

3 **“§ 3761. Native American Veteran Housing Loan Pro-**
4 **gram”.**

5 (C) The table of sections at the beginning of chapter
6 37 of such title is amended—

7 (i) in the item relating to subchapter V, by
8 striking out “PILOT”; and

9 (ii) by striking out the item relating to section
10 3761 and inserting in lieu thereof the following new
11 item:

“3761. Native American Veteran Housing Loan Program.”.

12 **SECTION 1. EXTENSION AND IMPROVEMENT OF NATIVE**
13 **AMERICAN VETERAN HOUSING LOAN PRO-**
14 **GRAM.**

15 (a) *EXTENSION.*—Section 3761(c) of title 38, United
16 States Code, is amended by striking out “September 30,
17 1997” and inserting in lieu thereof “December 31, 2003”.

18 (b) *OUTREACH.*—Section 3762(i) of such title is
19 amended—

20 (1) by inserting “(1)” after “(i)”;

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

22 (A) by inserting “, in consultation with
23 tribal organizations (including the National
24 Congress of American Indians and the National

1 *American Indian Housing Council),” after “The*
2 *Secretary shall”; and*

3 *(B) by striking out “tribal organizations*
4 *and”; and*

5 *(3) by adding at the end the following:*

6 *“(2) Activities under the outreach program shall in-*
7 *clude the following:*

8 *“(A) Attending conferences and conventions con-*
9 *ducted by the National Congress of American Indians*
10 *in order to work with the National Congress in pro-*
11 *viding information and training to tribal organiza-*
12 *tions and Native American veterans regarding the*
13 *availability of housing benefits under the pilot pro-*
14 *gram and in assisting such organizations and veter-*
15 *ans in participating in the pilot program.*

16 *“(B) Attending conferences and conventions con-*
17 *ducted by the National American Indian Housing*
18 *Council in order to work with the Housing Council*
19 *in providing information and training to tribal orga-*
20 *nizations and tribal housing entities regarding the*
21 *availability of such benefits.*

22 *“(C) Attending conferences and conventions con-*
23 *ducted by the Department of Hawaiian Homelands*
24 *in order to work with the Department of Hawaiian*
25 *Homelands in providing information and training to*

1 *tribal housing entities in Hawaii regarding the avail-*
2 *ability of such benefits.*

3 *“(D) Producing and disseminating information*
4 *to tribal governments, tribal veterans service organi-*
5 *zations, and tribal organizations regarding the avail-*
6 *ability of such benefits.*

7 *“(E) Assisting tribal organizations and Native*
8 *American veterans in participating in the pilot pro-*
9 *gram.”.*

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

12 *“(j) Not later than February 1 of each of 1998 through*
13 *2003, the Secretary shall transmit to the Committees on*
14 *Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate and House of Representa-*
15 *tives a report relating to—*

16 *“(1) the implementation of the pilot program*
17 *under this subchapter during the fiscal year preceding*
18 *the date of the report;*

19 *“(2) the Secretary’s exercise during such fiscal*
20 *year of the authority provided under subsection*
21 *(c)(1)(B) to make loans exceeding the maximum loan*
22 *amount;*

23 *“(3) the appraisals performed for the Secretary*
24 *during such fiscal year under the authority of sub-*
25 *section (d)(2), including a description of—*

1 “(A) the manner in which such appraisals
2 were performed;

3 “(B) the qualifications of the appraisers
4 who performed such appraisals; and

5 “(C) the actions taken by the Secretary with
6 respect to such appraisals to protect the interests
7 of veterans and the United States;

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

10 “(A) a description of such activities on a re-
11 gion-by-region basis; and

12 “(B) an assessment of the effectiveness of
13 such activities in encouraging the participation
14 of Native American veterans in the pilot pro-
15 gram;

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

19 “(A) a description and analysis of the pool;
20 and

21 “(B) a description and assessment of the
22 impediments, if any, to full participation in the
23 pilot program of the Native American veterans
24 in the pool; and

1 “(6) the Secretary’s recommendations, if any, for
2 additional legislation regarding the pilot program.”.

3 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITIES RELATING TO HOME-**
4 **LESS VETERANS.**

5 (a) *DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE AND DEPENDENCE.*—
6 Section 1720A(e) of title 38, United States Code, is amend-
7 ed by striking out “December 31, 1997” and inserting in
8 lieu thereof “December 31, 1999”.

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

13 (c) *AUTHORITY FOR COMMUNITY-BASED RESIDENTIAL*
14 *CARE FOR HOMELESS CHRONICALLY MENTALLY ILL VET-*
15 *ERANS AND OTHER VETERANS.*—Section 115(d) of the Vet-
16 erans’ Benefits and Services Act of 1988 (38 U.S.C. 1712
17 note) is amended by striking out “December 31, 1998” and
18 inserting in lieu thereof “December 31, 1999”.

19 (d) *DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM OF COMPENSATED*
20 *WORK THERAPY.*—Section 7(a) of Public Law 102–54 (38
21 U.S.C. 1718 note) is amended by striking out “December
22 31, 1997” and inserting in lieu thereof “December 31,
23 1999”.

1 (e) *SERVICES AND ASSISTANCE TO HOMELESS VETER-*
 2 *ANS.—The Homeless Veterans Comprehensive Service Pro-*
 3 *grams Act of 1992 (38 U.S.C. 7721 note) is amended—*

4 (1) *in section 2(a), by striking out “September*
 5 *30, 1997” and inserting in lieu thereof “September*
 6 *30, 1999”;*

7 (2) *in section 3(a)(2), by striking out “Septem-*
 8 *ber 30, 1997” and inserting in lieu thereof “Septem-*
 9 *ber 30, 1999”; and*

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

12 (f) *HOMELESS VETERANS’ REINTEGRATION*
 13 *PROJECTS.—(1) Section 738(e)(1) of the Stewart B.*
 14 *McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11448(e)(1))*
 15 *is amended by adding at the end the following:*

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

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

20 **SEC. 3. EXTENSION AND EXPANSION OF ENHANCED-USE**
 21 **LEASE AUTHORITY.**

22 (a) *EXPANSION.—Section 8168(a) of title 38, United*
 23 *States Code, is amended by striking out “20” and inserting*
 24 *in lieu thereof “40”.*

1 (b) *EXTENSION.*—Section 8169 of such title is amend-
 2 ed by striking out “December 31, 1997” and inserting in
 3 lieu thereof “December 31, 1999”.

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

6 (a) *PILOT PROGRAM FOR NONINSTITUTIONAL ALTER-*
 7 *NATIVES TO NURSING HOME CARE.*—Section 1720C(a) of
 8 title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking out
 9 “December 31, 1997” and inserting in lieu thereof “Decem-
 10 ber 31, 1999”.

11 (b) *HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PRO-*
 12 *GRAM.*—Section 7618 of such title is amended by striking
 13 out “December 31, 1997” and inserting in lieu thereof “De-
 14 cember 31, 1999”.

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill 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.”.

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