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To amend section 3(b)(4) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 to exclude certain disability benefits from income for the purposes of determining eligibility for the supported housing program under section 8(o)(19), and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 4, 2025

Mr. SHERMAN (for himself, Ms. DE LA CRUZ, Mr. LIEU, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Mr. FOSTER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. MEUSER, and Mr. BACON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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 “Housing Unhoused
5 Disabled Veterans Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXCLUSION OF CERTAIN DISABILITY BENEFITS.**

2 Section 3(b)(4)(B) of the United States Housing Act
3 of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437a(b)(4)(B)) is amended—

4 (1) by redesignating clauses (iv) and (v) as
5 clauses (vi) and (vii), respectively; and

6 (2) by inserting after clause (iii) the following:

7 “(iv) with respect to the supported
8 housing program under section 8(o)(19),
9 any disability benefits received under chap-
10 ter 11 or chapter 15 of title 38, United
11 States Code, received by a veteran, except
12 that this exclusion may not apply to the
13 definition of adjusted income;

14 “(v) with respect to any household re-
15 ceiving rental assistance under the sup-
16 ported housing program under section
17 8(o)(19) as it relates to eligibility for other
18 types of housing assistance, any disability
19 benefits received under chapter 11 or chap-
20 ter 15 of title 38, United States Code, re-
21 ceived by a veteran, except that this exclu-
22 sion may not apply to the definition of ad-
23 justed income;”.

24 **SEC. 3. TREATMENT OF CERTAIN DISABILITY BENEFITS.**

25 (a) IN GENERAL.—When determining the eligibility
26 of a veteran to rent a residential dwelling unit constructed

1 on Department property on or after the date of the enact-
2 ment of this Act, for which assistance is provided as part
3 of a housing assistance program administered by the Sec-
4 retary of Housing and Urban Development and not yet
5 in existence at the time of the enactment of this section,
6 the Secretary shall exclude from income any disability ben-
7 efits received under chapter 11 or chapter 15 of title 38,
8 United States Code by such person.

9 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
11 the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

12 (2) DEPARTMENT PROPERTY.—The term “De-
13 partment property” has the meaning given the term
14 in section 901 of title 38, United States Code.

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