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To amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the amount paid by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to veterans for improvements and structural alterations furnished as part of home health services.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 2, 2021

Mr. LAWSON of Florida (for himself, Ms. NORTON, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Ms. TITUS, Ms. NEWMAN, Mrs. AXNE, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. PETERS, Ms. STRICKLAND, Mr. CARSON, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. KUSTER, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. O'HALLERAN, Ms. STANSBURY, Ms. DEAN, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mrs. CAMMACK, Mr. BACON, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. PALAZZO, Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN, Mr. GARBARINO, Mrs. BICE of Oklahoma, Mrs. KIM of California, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. MCHENRY, Mr. VALADAO, Mrs. RODGERS of Washington, Mr. FEENSTRA, Mr. TURNER, Ms. STEFANIK, Ms. LETLOW, Mr. TIMMONS, Mr. MEUSER, and Mr. TRONE) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Autonomy for Disabled
3 Veterans Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN AMOUNT AVAILABLE TO DISABLED**
5 **VETERANS FOR IMPROVEMENTS AND STRUC-**
6 **TURAL ALTERATIONS FURNISHED AS PART**
7 **OF HOME HEALTH SERVICES.**

8 (a) INCREASE.—Paragraph (2) of section 1717(a) of
9 title 38, United States Code, is amended—

10 (1) in subparagraph (A)(ii), by striking
11 “\$6,800” and inserting “\$10,000”; and

12 (2) in subparagraph (B)(ii), by striking
13 “\$2,000” and inserting “\$5,000”.

14 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
15 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to a veteran who
16 first applies for benefits under section 1717(a)(2) of title
17 38, United States Code, on or after the date of the enact-
18 ment of this Act.

19 (c) APPLICABILITY.—A veteran who exhausts such
20 veteran’s eligibility for benefits under section 1717(a)(2)
21 of title 38, United States Code, before the date of the en-
22 actment of this Act, is not entitled to additional benefits
23 under such section by reason of the amendments made
24 by subsection (a).

1 **SEC. 3. ADJUSTMENT FOR INFLATION.**

2 Section 1717(a) of title 38, United States Code, is
3 further amended by adding at the end the following:

4 “(4) On an annual basis, the Secretary shall increase
5 the dollar amount in effect under subsection (a)(2) by a
6 percentage equal to the percentage by which the Consumer
7 Price Index for all urban consumers (United States city
8 average) increased during the 12-month period ending
9 with the last month for which Consumer Price Index data
10 is available. In the event that such Consumer Price Index
11 does not increase during such period, the Secretary shall
12 maintain the dollar amount in effect under subsection
13 (a)(2) during the previous fiscal year.”.

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