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On Behalf Of: MOAA
Committee: House Committee On Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3627

I am writing in support of HB 3627, The Disabled Veterans Assistance Fund. You have already heard from CAPT USN (Ret) Harold S. Tieman.

HB 3627 is part of a national effort to provide Ramps for Vets. The scope of HB 3627 has been expanded to provide disabled veteran homeowners beyond adding entryway ramps and handrails to Veterans homes for improved accessibility. HB 3627 adds flexibility to make other important enhancements, including:

- Lower counter-tops
- Install flexible downward shelving
- Install walk-in and roll-in curb less showers/bathrooms
- Install raised-height toilets
- Widen doorways and hallways
- Install electric door openers
- Install electric stair-lifts
- Install roll-under and/or recessed kitchen and bathroom sinks
- Install roll-in/movable closets

Costs for these various projects range from \$700 to \$to \$5,000 depending on the scope of the work.

James Riddle the Marion County VSO estimates that his office receives, on average, twenty (20) accessibility requests per year, mainly for ramps. HB 3627, The Disabled Veterans Assistance Fund, is designed to provide: the smaller, but equally valuable and treasured help that disabled vets are unable to get via large-scale federal VA adaptive housing grants and VA medical adaptive housing assistance.

Thank you so very kindly for your support.

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