

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5620, AS REPORTED  
OFFERED BY MRS. BEATTY OF OHIO**

Add at the end the following new section:

1 **SEC. 11. PILOT PROGRAM ON PROVISION OF FURNITURE,**  
2 **HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, AND OTHER ASSISTANCE**  
3 **TO HOMELESS VETERANS MOVING INTO PER-**  
4 **MANENT HOUSING.**

5 (a) **PILOT PROGRAM REQUIRED.**—

6 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than one year  
7 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
8 retary of Veterans Affairs shall commence a pilot  
9 program to assess the feasibility and advisability of  
10 awarding grants to eligible entities to provide fur-  
11 niture, household items, and other assistance to cov-  
12 ered veterans moving into permanent housing to fa-  
13 cilitate the settlement of such covered veterans in  
14 such housing.

15 (2) **ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.**—For purposes of the  
16 pilot program, an eligible entity is any of the fol-  
17 lowing:

18 (A) A veterans service agency.

19 (B) A veterans service organization.

1 (C) A nongovernmental organization  
2 that—

3 (i) is described in paragraph (3), (4),  
4 or (19) of section 501(c) of the Internal  
5 Revenue Code of 1986 and is exempt from  
6 taxation under section 501(a) of such code;  
7 and

8 (ii) has an established history of pro-  
9 viding assistance to veterans or the home-  
10 less.

11 (3) COVERED VETERANS.—For purposes of the  
12 pilot program, a covered veteran is any of the fol-  
13 lowing:

14 (A) A formerly homeless veteran who is re-  
15 ceiving housing, clinical services, and case man-  
16 agement assistance under section 8(o)(19) of  
17 the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42  
18 U.S.C. 1437f(o)(19)).

19 (B) A veteran who is receiving—

20 (i) assistance from, or is the bene-  
21 ficiary of a service furnished by, a program  
22 that is in receipt of a grant under section  
23 2011 of title 38, United States Code; or

1 (ii) services for which per diem pay-  
2 ment is received under section 2012 of  
3 such title.

4 (C) A veteran who is—

5 (i) a beneficiary of the outreach pro-  
6 gram carried out under section 2022(e) of  
7 such title; or

8 (ii) in receipt of referral or counseling  
9 services from the program carried out  
10 under section 2023 of such title.

11 (D) A veteran who is receiving a service or  
12 assistance under section 2031 of such title.

13 (E) A veteran who is residing in thera-  
14 peutic housing operated under section 2032 of  
15 such title.

16 (F) A veteran who is receiving domiciliary  
17 services under section 2043 of such title or  
18 domiciliary care under section 1710(b) of such  
19 title.

20 (G) A veteran who is receiving supportive  
21 services under section 2044 of such title.

22 (4) DURATION.—The Secretary shall carry out  
23 the pilot program during the three-year period be-  
24 ginning on the date of the commencement of the  
25 pilot program.

1 (b) GRANTS.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall carry  
3 out the pilot program through the award of grants  
4 to eligible entities for the provision of furniture and  
5 other household items as described in subsection  
6 (a)(1).

7 (2) MAXIMUM AMOUNT.—The amount of a  
8 grant awarded under the pilot program shall not ex-  
9 ceed \$500,000.

10 (c) SELECTION OF GRANT RECIPIENTS.—

11 (1) APPLICATION.—An eligible entity seeking a  
12 grant under the pilot program shall submit to the  
13 Secretary an application therefor in such form and  
14 in such manner as the Secretary considers appro-  
15 priate.

16 (2) SELECTION PRIORITY.—

17 (A) COMMUNITIES WITH GREATEST  
18 NEED.—Subject to subparagraph (B), in ac-  
19 cordance with regulations the Secretary shall  
20 prescribe, the Secretary shall give priority in  
21 the awarding of grants under the pilot program  
22 to eligible entities who serve communities which  
23 the Secretary determines have the greatest need  
24 of homeless services.

1 (B) GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION.—The  
2 Secretary may give priority in the awarding of  
3 grants under the pilot program to achieve a fair  
4 distribution, as determined by the Secretary,  
5 among eligible entities serving covered veterans  
6 in different geographic regions, including in  
7 rural communities and tribal lands.

8 (d) USE OF GRANT FUNDS.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-  
10 graph (2), each eligible entity receiving a grant  
11 under the pilot program shall use the grant—

12 (A) to coordinate with the Secretary to fa-  
13 cilitate distribution of furniture and other  
14 household items to covered veterans moving into  
15 permanent housing;

16 (B) to purchase, or otherwise obtain via  
17 donation, furniture and household items for use  
18 by such covered veterans;

19 (C) to distribute such furniture and house-  
20 hold items to such covered veterans; and

21 (D) to pay for background checks, provide  
22 security deposits, provide funds for utilities,  
23 and provide moving expenses for such covered  
24 veterans that are necessary for the settlement  
25 of such covered veterans in such housing.

1           (2) MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE.—A re-  
2 recipient of a grant awarded under the pilot program  
3 may not expend more than \$2,500 of the amount of  
4 the grant awarded for the provision to a single cov-  
5 ered veteran of assistance under the pilot program.

6           (3) MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING.—In  
7 the case of an eligible entity receiving a grant under  
8 the pilot program that entered into a memorandum  
9 of understanding with the Secretary before the date  
10 of the enactment of this Act that provides for the  
11 provision of furniture and other household items to  
12 covered veterans as described in subsection (a) with-  
13 out Federal compensation, the eligible entity may  
14 use the grant in accordance with the provisions of  
15 such memorandum of understanding in lieu of para-  
16 graph (1).

17           (4) FULL USE OF FUNDS.—

18           (A) IN GENERAL.—A recipient of a grant  
19 awarded under the pilot program shall use the  
20 full amount of the grant by not later than one  
21 year after the date on which the Secretary  
22 awards such grant.

23           (B) RECOVERY.—The Secretary may re-  
24 cover from a recipient of a grant awarded under  
25 this section all of the unused amounts of the

1 grant if all of the amounts of the grant are not  
2 used—

3 (i) pursuant to paragraph (1) and  
4 subparagraph (A) of this paragraph; or

5 (ii) in a case described in paragraph  
6 (3), pursuant to an applicable memo-  
7 randum of understanding.

8 (e) OUTREACH.—The Secretary shall conduct out-  
9 reach, including under chapter 63 of title 38, United  
10 States Code, to inform covered veterans about their eligi-  
11 bility to receive household items, furniture, and other as-  
12 sistance under the pilot program.

13 (f) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall prescribe  
14 regulations for—

15 (1) evaluating an application by an eligible enti-  
16 ty for a grant under the pilot program; and

17 (2) otherwise administering the pilot program.

18 (g) REPORT.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than the date that  
20 is 90 days after the last day of the pilot program,  
21 the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on  
22 the pilot program.

23 (2) CONTENTS.—The report submitted under  
24 paragraph (1) shall include the following:

25 (A) An assessment of the pilot program.

1           (B) The findings of the Secretary with re-  
2           spect to the feasibility and advisability of  
3           awarding grants to eligible entities as described  
4           in subsection (a)(1).

5           (C) Such recommendations as the Sec-  
6           retary may have for legislative or administrative  
7           action to facilitate the settlement of covered  
8           veterans into permanent housing.

9           (h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
10          authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry  
11          out this section \$5,000,000 for each year of the pilot pro-  
12          gram.

13          (i) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14           (1) OUTREACH.—The term “outreach” has the  
15           meaning given such term in section 6301(b)(1) of  
16           title 38, United States Code.

17           (2) VETERANS SERVICE AGENCY.—The term  
18           “veterans service agency” means a unit of a State  
19           government, or a political subdivision thereof, that  
20           has primary responsibility for programs and activi-  
21           ties of such government or subdivision related to vet-  
22           erans benefits.

23           (3) VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATION.—The  
24           term “veterans service organization” means any or-  
25           ganization recognized by the Secretary for the rep-



1       resentation of veterans under section 5902 of title  
2       38, United States Code.

