

## Union Calendar No. 53

111<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 1170

[Report No. 111-109]

To amend chapter 21 of title 38, United States Code, to establish a grant program to encourage the development of new assistive technologies for specially adapted housing.

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### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 25, 2009

Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself and Mr. BUYER) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

MAY 14, 2009

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole  
House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

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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. SPECIALLY ADAPTED HOUSING ASSISTIVE**  
2 **TECHNOLOGY GRANT PROGRAM.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Chapter 21 of title 38, United  
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
5 lowing new section:

6 **“§ 2108. Specially adapted housing assistive tech-**  
7 **nology grant program**

8 “(a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—The Secretary shall carry  
9 out a program to make grants to encourage the develop-  
10 ment of new assistive technologies for specially adapted  
11 housing.

12 “(b) **APPLICATION.**—A person seeking a grant under  
13 the program under this section shall submit to the Sec-  
14 retary an application for the grant in such form and man-  
15 ner as the Secretary shall specify for purposes of the pro-  
16 gram.

17 “(c) **GRANT FUNDS.**—

18 “(1) **AMOUNT.**—The amount of each grant  
19 awarded under the program under this section shall  
20 be an amount of not more than \$200,000 per year.

21 “(2) **TIME OF AWARD.**—The Secretary shall  
22 award a grant under the program under this section  
23 not later than October 1 of each year in which the  
24 Secretary carries out the program.

25 “(d) **USE OF FUNDS.**—

1           “(1) IN GENERAL.—A person awarded a grant  
2           under the program under this section shall use  
3           amounts under the grant to develop assistive tech-  
4           nologies for use in specially adapted housing.

5           “(2) PATENTS.—If a person awarded a grant  
6           under the program under this section is awarded a  
7           patent related to assistive technology developed with  
8           amounts under the grant, the Secretary shall retain  
9           not less than a 30 percent interest in such patent.

10          “(c) REPORT.—Not later than March 1 of each year,  
11          the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report containing  
12          information related to each grant awarded under the pro-  
13          gram under this section in the preceding year, including—

14                  “(1) the name of the grant recipient;

15                  “(2) the amount of the grant; and

16                  “(3) the goal of the grant.

17          “(f) FUNDING.—From amounts appropriated to the  
18          Department for Medical Services for each fiscal year,  
19          \$2,000,000 shall be available for each such fiscal year for  
20          the purposes of the program under this section.”.

21          (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
22          at the beginning of chapter 21 of title 38, United States  
23          Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“2108. Specially adapted housing assistive technology grant program.”.

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2 **TECHNOLOGY GRANT PROGRAM.**

3 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Chapter 21 of title 38, United  
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following  
5 new section:

6 **“§2108. Specially adapted housing assistive tech-**  
7 **nology grant program**

8 “(a) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—The Secretary shall make  
9 grants to encourage the development of new assistive tech-  
10 nologies for specially adapted housing.

11 “(b) *APPLICATION.*—A person seeking a grant under  
12 this section shall submit to the Secretary an application  
13 for the grant in such form and manner as the Secretary  
14 shall specify.

15 “(c) *GRANT FUNDS.*—(1) The amount of each grant  
16 awarded under this section shall be an amount of not more  
17 than \$200,000 per year.

18 “(2) For each year in which the Secretary makes a  
19 grant under this section, the Secretary shall make the grant  
20 by not later than October 1 of that year.

21 “(d) *USE OF FUNDS.*—(1) The recipient of a grant  
22 under this section shall use the grant to develop assistive  
23 technologies for use in specially adapted housing.

24 “(2) If the recipient of a grant under this section is  
25 awarded a patent related to assistive technology developed

1 *with amounts under the grant, the Secretary shall retain*  
2 *not less than a 30 percent interest in such patent.*

3 “(e) *REPORT.*—*Not later than March 1 of each year,*  
4 *the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report containing*  
5 *information related to each grant awarded under this sec-*  
6 *tion during the preceding calendar year, including—*

7 “(1) *the name of the grant recipient;*

8 “(2) *the amount of the grant; and*

9 “(3) *the goal of the grant.*

10 “(f) *FUNDING.*—*From amounts appropriated to the*  
11 *Department for Medical Services for each fiscal year,*  
12 *\$2,000,000 shall be available for each such fiscal year for*  
13 *the purposes of the program under this section.*

14 “(g) *TERMINATION.*—*The authority to make a grant*  
15 *under this section shall terminate on the date that is five*  
16 *years after the date of the enactment of this section.”*

17 (b) *CLERICAL AMENDMENT.*—*The table of sections at*  
18 *the beginning of chapter 21 of title 38, United States Code,*  
19 *is amended by adding at the end the following:*

“2108. *Specially adapted housing assistive technology grant program.”*

20 (c) *DEADLINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION.*—*The Secretary*  
21 *shall implement the grant program under section 2108 of*  
22 *title 38, United States Code, as added by subsection (a),*  
23 *by not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment*  
24 *of this Act.*

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