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To amend title 38, United States Code, to require recipients of per diem payments from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for the provision of services for homeless veterans to comply with codes relevant to operations and level of care provided, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 21, 2013

Mr. MCKINLEY (for himself and Mrs. NAPOLITANO) 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Safe Housing for
5 Homeless Veterans Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONDITIONS ON THE AWARD OF PER DIEM PAY-**
2 **MENTS BY THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS**
3 **AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVISION OF HOUSING**
4 **OR SERVICES TO HOMELESS VETERANS.**

5 (a) CONDITION.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (1) of section
7 2012(e) of title 38, United States Code, is amended
8 to read as follows:

9 “(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), a per diem
10 payment may not be provided under this section to a grant
11 recipient or eligible entity unless the entity submits to the
12 Secretary an annual certification, approved or verified by
13 the authority having jurisdiction or a qualified third party,
14 that the building where the entity provides such housing
15 or services is in compliance with codes relevant to the op-
16 erations and level of care provided, including applicable
17 provisions of the most recently published version of the
18 Life Safety Code or International Building Code and
19 International Fire Code (or such versions of such codes
20 that have been adopted as State or local codes by the juris-
21 diction in which the project is located), licensing require-
22 ments, fire and safety requirements, and any other re-
23 quirements in the jurisdiction in which the project is lo-
24 cated regarding the condition of the structure and the op-
25 eration of the supportive housing or service center.”.

1 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made
2 by paragraph (1) shall apply with respect to an ap-
3 plication for a per diem payment under section 2012
4 of title 38, United States Code, submitted on or
5 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

6 (b) ANNUAL REPORT.—Section 2065(b) of title 38,
7 United States Code, is amended—

8 (1) by redesignating paragraph (6) as para-
9 graph (7); and

10 (2) by inserting after paragraph (5) the fol-
11 lowing new paragraph (6):

12 “(6) The Secretary’s evaluation of the safety
13 and accessibility of facilities used to provide pro-
14 grams established by grant recipients or eligible enti-
15 ties under section 2011 and 2012 of this title, in-
16 cluding the number of such grant recipients or eligi-
17 ble entities who have submitted a certification under
18 section 2012(c)(1).”.

19 (c) TREATMENT OF CURRENT RECIPIENTS.—In the
20 case of the recipient of a per diem payment under section
21 2012 of title 38, United States Code, that receives such
22 a payment during the year in which this Act is enacted,
23 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall require the recipi-
24 ent to submit the certification required under section
25 2012(c)(1) of such title, as amended by subsection (a)(1),

1 by not later than two years after the date of the enactment
2 of this Act. If the recipient fails to submit such certifi-
3 cation by such date, the Secretary may not make any addi-
4 tional per diem payments to the recipient under such sec-
5 tion 2012 until the recipient submits such certification.

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