

# Homeless Women Veterans and Homeless Veterans With Children Act

*A Bill to expand assistance for homeless women veterans and homeless veterans with children. This legislation would increase funding and extend federal grant programs to address the unique challenges faced by these veterans.*

## Growing Populations with Special Needs

*Homeless women veterans and homeless veterans with children face special challenges and the VA needs additional resources to provide support for these growing demographics.*

- Female veterans are between two and four times as likely to be homeless as their civilian counterparts.
- Female veterans make up about five percent of homeless veterans, up from about three percent a decade ago.
- Homeless veterans with children are seeking help from the VA and veterans service organizations in increasing numbers.

## New Ways to Help Homeless Veterans

*This bill extends grant programs through the VA and the Department of Labor to help homeless veterans who are female or have minor dependants.*

- Authorizes the VA Secretary to make special needs grants to facilities at the VA and elsewhere to improve care for homeless women veterans and homeless veterans with children.
- Authorizes entities receiving **Grant Per Diem** funds to provide direct services to children of homeless veterans.
- Authorizes the Labor Secretary to make **Homeless Veteran Reintegration Program (HVRP) grants** to facilities and programs which provide dedicated services to homeless women veterans and homeless veterans with children. These grants will support job training, counseling, child care services and placement services, including job readiness and literacy and skills training.
- Authorizes \$50,000,000 in funding over the next five years for the grant programs.

## Maximizing Impact for Homeless Veterans

*This bill includes provisions to track and assess implementation of the reintegration grant program to ensure that funds are used effectively and responsibly.*

- Requires the Labor Secretary to collect information on the distribution and expenditure of reintegration grant funds. This data must include outcome data on services provided to each veteran through the program.
- Requires the Labor Secretary to include an evaluation of the reintegration grant program in a biennial report to Congress. The evaluation must assess and analyze the services provided to each veteran through this legislation.