

(F) with appropriate officials of the Department designated by the Secretary, participate with the Interagency Council on the Homeless under title II of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11311 et seq.);

(G) recommend appropriate funding levels for specialized programs for homeless veterans provided or funded by the Department;

(H) recommend appropriate placement options for veterans who, because of advanced age, frailty, or severe mental illness, may not be appropriate candidates for vocational rehabilitation or independent living; and

(I) perform such other functions as the Secretary may direct.

(c) REPORTS.—(1) Not later than March 31 of each year, the Committee shall submit to the Secretary a report on the programs and activities of the Department that relate to homeless veterans. Each such report shall include—

(A) an assessment of the needs of homeless veterans;

(B) a review of the programs and activities of the Department designed to meet such needs;

(C) a review of the activities of the Committee; and

(D) such recommendations (including recommendations for administrative and legislative action) as the Committee considers appropriate.

(2) Not later than 90 days after the receipt of a report under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall transmit to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and House of Representatives a copy of the report, together with any comments and recommendations concerning the report that the Secretary considers appropriate.

(3) The Committee may also submit to the Secretary such other reports and recommendations as the Committee considers appropriate.

(4) The Secretary shall submit with each annual report submitted to the Congress pursuant to section 529 of this title a summary of all reports and recommendations of the Committee submitted to the Secretary since the previous annual report of the Secretary submitted pursuant to that section.

(d) TERMINATION.—The Committee shall cease to exist December 31, 2015.

(Added Pub. L. 107-95, §5(a)(1), Dec. 21, 2001, 115 Stat. 916; amended Pub. L. 109-444, §2(e), Dec. 21, 2006, 120 Stat. 3304; Pub. L. 109-461, title VII, §709, title X, §1006(b), Dec. 22, 2006, 120 Stat. 3441, 3468; Pub. L. 112-37, §10(f), Oct. 5, 2011, 125 Stat. 397; Pub. L. 112-191, title II, §206, Oct. 5, 2012, 126 Stat. 1439; Pub. L. 113-59, §11, Dec. 20, 2013, 127 Stat. 663; Pub. L. 113-175, title II, §208, Sept. 26, 2014, 128 Stat. 1904.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, referred to in subsec. (b)(3)(F), is Pub. L. 100-77, July 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 482, as amended. Title II of the Act is classified generally to subchapter II (§11311 et seq.) of chapter 119 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 11301 of Title 42 and Tables.

#### AMENDMENTS

2014—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 113-175 substituted “December 31, 2015” for “December 31, 2014”.

2013—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 113-59 substituted “December 31, 2014” for “December 31, 2013”.

2012—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 112-191 substituted “December 31, 2013” for “December 31, 2012”.

2011—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 112-37 substituted “December 31, 2012” for “December 30, 2011”.

2006—Subsec. (a)(3)(E) to (G). Pub. L. 109-461, §709(a), added subpars. (E) to (G).

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 109-461, §1006(b), provided that as of the enactment of Pub. L. 109-461, the amendments made by Pub. L. 109-444 were deemed for all purposes not to have taken effect and that Pub. L. 109-444 ceased to be in effect. See Amendment notes below and section 1006(b) of Pub. L. 109-461, set out as a Coordination of Provisions With Pub. L. 109-444 note under section 101 of this title.

Pub. L. 109-461, §709(b), substituted “December 30, 2011” for “December 31, 2006”.

Pub. L. 109-444, which substituted “December 31, 2007” for “December 31, 2006”, was terminated by Pub. L. 109-461, §1006(b). See Amendment notes above.

#### CHANGE OF NAME

Interagency Council on the Homeless changed to United States Interagency Council on Homelessness by Pub. L. 108-199, div. G, title II, §216, Jan. 23, 2004, 118 Stat. 394.

### CHAPTER 21—SPECIALLY ADAPTED HOUSING FOR DISABLED VETERANS

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#### AMENDMENTS

2012—Pub. L. 112-154, title VII, §701(a)(2), Aug. 6, 2012, 126 Stat. 1203, added item 2109.

2010—Pub. L. 111-275, title II, §203(b), Oct. 13, 2010, 124 Stat. 2874, added item 2108.

2008—Pub. L. 110-289, div. B, title VI, §2602(b)(8), July 30, 2008, 122 Stat. 2860, substituted “Acquisition and adaptation of housing: eligible veterans” for “Veterans eligible for assistance” in item 2101, added item 2101A, and substituted “individuals” for “veterans” in item 2102A.

2006—Pub. L. 109-233, title I, §101(d), June 15, 2006, 120 Stat. 399, added items 2102A and 2107.

1992—Pub. L. 102-568, title II, §204(b), Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4325, substituted “Veterans” for “Veteran's” in item 2106.

1991—Pub. L. 102-83, §5(b)(1), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 406, renumbered items 801 to 806 as 2101 to 2106, respectively.

1988—Pub. L. 100-322, title III, §333(a)(2), May 20, 1988, 102 Stat. 539, substituted “Veteran's mortgage life insurance” for “Mortgage Protection Life Insurance” in item 806.

1971—Pub. L. 92-95, §2, Aug. 11, 1971, 85 Stat. 322, added item 806.

**§ 2101. Acquisition and adaptation of housing: eligible veterans**

(a) ACQUISITION OF HOUSING WITH SPECIAL FEATURES.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (3) and (4), the Secretary may assist a disabled veteran described in paragraph (2) in acquiring a suitable housing unit with special fixtures or movable facilities made necessary by the nature of the veteran's disability, and necessary land therefor.

(2)(A) A veteran is described in this paragraph if the veteran—

(i) is entitled to compensation under chapter 11 of this title for a permanent and total service-connected disability that meets any of the criteria described in subparagraph (B); or

(ii) served in the Armed Forces on or after September 11, 2001, and is entitled to compensation under chapter 11 of this title for a permanent service-connected disability that meets the criterion described in subparagraph (C).

(B) The criteria described in this subparagraph are as follows:

(i) The disability is due to the loss, or loss of use, of both lower extremities such as to preclude locomotion without the aid of braces, crutches, canes, or a wheelchair.

(ii) The disability is due to—  
(I) blindness in both eyes, having only light perception, plus (ii)<sup>1</sup> loss or loss of use of one lower extremity.

(iii) The disability is due to the loss or loss of use of one lower extremity together with—

(I) residuals of organic disease or injury; or

(II) the loss or loss of use of one upper extremity,

which so affect the functions of balance or propulsion as to preclude locomotion without the aid of braces, crutches, canes, or a wheelchair.

(iv) The disability is due to the loss, or loss of use, of both upper extremities such as to preclude use of the arms at or above the elbows.

(v) The disability is due to a severe burn injury (as determined pursuant to regulations prescribed by the Secretary).

(C) The criterion described in this subparagraph is that the disability—

(i) was incurred on or after September 11, 2001; and

(ii) is due to the loss or loss of use of one or more lower extremities which so affects the functions of balance or propulsion as to preclude ambulating without the aid of braces, crutches, canes, or a wheelchair.

(3) The regulations prescribed under subsection (d) shall require that assistance under paragraph (1) may be provided to a veteran only if the Secretary finds that—

(A) it is medically feasible for the veteran to reside in the proposed housing unit and in the proposed locality;

(B) the proposed housing unit bears a proper relation to the veteran's present and anticipated income and expenses; and

(C) the nature and condition of the proposed housing unit are such as to be suitable to the veteran's needs for dwelling purposes.

(4)(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B), the Secretary's authority to furnish assistance under paragraph (1) to a disabled veteran described in paragraph (2)(A)(ii) shall apply only with respect to applications for such assistance approved by the Secretary on or before September 30, 2015.

(B) In each of fiscal years 2014 and 2015, the Secretary may not approve more than 30 applications for assistance under paragraph (1) for disabled veterans described in paragraph (2)(A)(ii).

(b) ADAPTATIONS TO RESIDENCE OF VETERAN.—(1) Subject to paragraph (3), the Secretary shall assist any disabled veteran described in paragraph (2) (other than a veteran who is eligible for assistance under subsection (a))—

(A) in acquiring such adaptations to such veteran's residence as are determined by the Secretary to be reasonably necessary because of such disability; or

(B) in acquiring a residence already adapted with special features determined by the Secretary to be reasonably necessary for the veteran because of such disability.

(2) A veteran is described in this paragraph if the veteran is entitled to compensation under chapter 11 of this title for a service-connected disability that meets any of the following criteria:

(A) The disability is due to blindness in both eyes, having central visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye with the use of a standard correcting lens. For the purposes of this subparagraph, an eye with a limitation in the fields of vision such that the widest diameter of the visual field subtends an angle no greater than 20 degrees shall be considered as having a central visual acuity of 20/200 or less.

(B) A permanent and total disability that includes the anatomical loss or loss of use of both hands.

(C) A permanent and total disability that is due to a severe burn injury (as so determined).

(3) Assistance under paragraph (1) may be provided only to a veteran who the Secretary determines—

(A) is residing in and reasonably intends to continue residing in a residence owned by such veteran or by a member of such veteran's family; or

(B) if the veteran's residence is to be constructed or purchased, will be residing in and reasonably intends to continue residing in a residence owned by such veteran or by a member of such veteran's family.

(c) REGULATIONS.—Assistance under this section shall be provided in accordance with such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe.

(Pub. L. 85-857, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1168, §801; Pub. L. 86-239, Sept. 8, 1959, 73 Stat. 472; Pub. L. 88-401, Aug. 4, 1964, 78 Stat. 380; Pub. L. 91-22, §1, June 6, 1969, 83 Stat. 32; Pub. L. 95-117, title IV, §401, Oct. 3, 1977, 91 Stat. 1065; Pub. L. 96-385, title III, §301(a), Oct. 7, 1980, 94 Stat. 1531; Pub. L. 99-576, title IV, §401(a), title VII, §§701(48),

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be a separate subcl. and be designated "(II)".