

“(e) FORMER SECTION 806 DEFINED.—For the purpose of subsections (c) and (d), the term ‘former section 806’ means section 806 [this section] of title 38, United States Code, as in effect on the day before the effective date specified in subsection (b).”

§ 2107. Coordination of administration of benefits

The Secretary shall provide for the coordination of the administration of programs to provide specially adapted housing that are administered by the Under Secretary for Health and such programs that are administered by the Under Secretary for Benefits under this chapter, chapter 17, and chapter 31 of this title.

(Added Pub. L. 109-233, title I, §101(c), June 15, 2006, 120 Stat. 399.)

§ 2108. Specially adapted housing assistive technology grant program

(a) AUTHORITY TO MAKE GRANTS.—The Secretary shall make grants to encourage the development of new assistive technologies for specially adapted housing.

(b) APPLICATION.—A person or entity seeking a grant under this section shall submit to the Secretary an application for the grant in such form and manner as the Secretary shall specify.

(c) GRANT FUNDS.—(1) Each grant awarded under this section shall be in an amount of not more than \$200,000 per fiscal year.

(2) For each fiscal year in which the Secretary makes a grant under this section, the Secretary shall make the grant by not later than April 1 of that year.

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

(e) REPORT.—Not later than March 1 of each fiscal year following a fiscal year in which the Secretary makes a grant, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report containing information related to each grant awarded under this section during the preceding fiscal year, including—

- (1) the name of the grant recipient;
- (2) the amount of the grant; and
- (3) the goal of the grant.

(f) FUNDING.—From amounts appropriated to the Department for readjustment benefits for each fiscal year for which the Secretary is authorized to make a grant under this section, \$1,000,000 shall be available for that fiscal year for the purposes of the program under this section.

(g) DURATION.—The authority to make a grant under this section shall begin on October 1, 2011, and shall terminate on September 30, 2016.

(Added Pub. L. 111-275, title II, §203(a), Oct. 13, 2010, 124 Stat. 2874.)

§ 2109. Specially adapted housing destroyed or damaged by natural disasters

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the provisions of section¹ 2102 and 2102A of this title, the Secretary may provide assistance to a veteran whose home was previously adapted with assist-

ance of a grant under this chapter in the event the adapted home which was being used and occupied by the veteran was destroyed or substantially damaged in a natural or other disaster, as determined by the Secretary.

(b) USE OF FUNDS.—Subject to subsection (c), assistance provided under subsection (a) shall—

(1) be available to acquire a suitable housing unit with special fixtures or moveable facilities made necessary by the veteran's disability, and necessary land therefor;

(2) be available to a veteran to the same extent as if the veteran had not previously received assistance under this chapter; and

(3) not be deducted from the maximum uses or from the maximum amount of assistance available under this chapter.

(c) LIMITATIONS.—The amount of the assistance provided under subsection (a) may not exceed the lesser of—

(1) the reasonable cost, as determined by the Secretary, of repairing or replacing the damaged or destroyed home in excess of the available insurance coverage on such home; or

(2) the maximum amount of assistance to which the veteran would have been entitled under sections 2101(a), 2101(b), and 2102A of this title had the veteran not obtained previous assistance under this chapter.

(Added Pub. L. 112-154, title VII, §701(a)(1), Aug. 6, 2012, 126 Stat. 1202.)

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 112-154, title VII, §701(g), Aug. 6, 2012, 126 Stat. 1205, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [enacting this section and amending sections 3108, 3120, 3703, and 3903 of this title] shall take effect on the date that is one year after the date of the enactment of this Act [Aug. 6, 2012].”

ANNUAL REPORT

Pub. L. 112-154, title VII, §701(f), Aug. 6, 2012, 126 Stat. 1204, provided that:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Each year, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to Congress a report on the assistance provided or action taken by the Secretary in the last fiscal year pursuant to the authorities added by the amendments made by this section [enacting this section and amending sections 3108, 3120, 3703, and 3903 of this title].

“(2) ELEMENTS.—Each report submitted under paragraph (1) shall include the following for the fiscal year covered by the report:

“(A) A description of each natural disaster for which assistance was provided or action was taken as described in paragraph (1).

“(B) The number of cases or individuals, as the case may be, in which or to whom the Secretary provided assistance or took action as described in paragraph (1).

“(C) For each such case or individual, a description of the type or amount of assistance or action taken, as the case may be.”

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¹ So in original. Probably should be “sections”.