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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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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 “Fisher House Avail-
5 ability Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF AVAILABILITY OF DEPARTMENT OF**
2 **VETERANS AFFAIRS TEMPORARY LODGING**
3 **TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS.**

4 Section 1708 of title 38, United States Code, is
5 amended—

6 (1) by amending subsection (a) to read as fol-
7 lows:

8 “(a) The Secretary may furnish persons described in
9 subsection (b) with temporary lodging in a Fisher house
10 or other appropriate facility in accordance with this sec-
11 tion.”;

12 (2) in subsection (b)—

13 (A) by amending paragraph (2) to read as
14 follows:

15 “(2) A member of the family of a veteran de-
16 scribed in paragraph (1) and others who accompany
17 such veteran and provide the equivalent of familial
18 support for such veteran.”; and

19 (B) by adding at the end the following new
20 paragraphs:

21 “(3) On a space-available basis—

22 “(A) an eligible individual who must travel
23 a significant distance to receive care or services
24 at a Department facility or non-Department fa-
25 cility; and

1 “(B) a member of the family of an eligible
2 individual described in subparagraph (A) and
3 others who accompany such eligible individual
4 and provide the equivalent of familial support
5 for such eligible individual during the receipt of
6 care or services described in such subpara-
7 graph.

8 “(4) On a space-available basis—

9 “(A) a member of the family of a veteran
10 who must travel a significant distance for such
11 family member to receive care or services at a
12 Department facility or non-Department facility;
13 and

14 “(B) the veteran and others who accom-
15 pany such family member and provide the
16 equivalent of familial support for such family
17 member during the receipt of care or services
18 described in such subparagraph.

19 “(5) On a space available basis—

20 “(A) a member of the family of an eligible
21 individual who must travel a significant dis-
22 tance for such family member to receive care or
23 services at a Department facility or non-De-
24 partment facility; and

1 “(B) the eligible individual and others who
2 accompany such family member and provide the
3 equivalent of familial support for such family
4 member during the receipt of care or services
5 described in such subparagraph.”;

6 (3) by striking subsection (c) and redesignating
7 subsections (d) and (e) as subsections (c) and (d),
8 respectively;

9 (4) in subsection (d), as so redesignated—

10 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “sub-
11 section (d)” and inserting “subsection (c)”;

12 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking “a vet-
13 eran under subsection (b)(2)” and inserting
14 “an individual under subsection (b)”;

15 (C) in paragraph (4), by striking “and”
16 after the semicolon;

17 (D) by redesignating paragraph (5) as
18 paragraph (6); and

19 (E) by inserting after paragraph (4) the
20 following new paragraph (5):

21 “(5) establishing criteria for providing access to
22 temporary lodging facilities on a space-available
23 basis under paragraphs (3) through (5) of sub-
24 section (b); and”;

1 (5) by adding at the end the following new sub-
2 section:

3 “(e) In this section:

4 “(1) The term ‘eligible individual’ means a
5 member of the Armed Forces, regardless of duty
6 status, or any individual on active duty.

7 “(2) The term ‘Fisher house’ means a housing
8 facility that—

9 “(A) is located at, or in proximity to, a
10 Department medical facility;

11 “(B) is available for residential use on a
12 temporary basis by patients of that facility and
13 others described in subsection (b); and

14 “(C) is constructed by, and donated to the
15 Secretary by, the Zachary and Elizabeth M.
16 Fisher Armed Services Foundation or the Fish-
17 er House Foundation, Inc.”.