

## **Department of Veterans Affairs Expiring Authorities Act of 2017**

### **Title I -- Extensions of Authority Relating to Health Care**

- *Sec. 101*- two-year extension of authority to collect copayments for hospital care and nursing home care
- *Sec. 102*- two- year extension of authority to provide nursing home care to veterans with service-connected disabilities
- *Sec. 103*- one-year extension of authority to fund assistance and support services for caregivers (authorizes appropriations at \$839,828,000)
- *Sec. 104*- two-year extension of authority to collect from third parties the cost of treating non-service-connected disabilities
- *Sec. 105*- two-year extension of authority to provide and fund child care for certain veterans receiving health care
- *Sec. 106*- two-year extension of authority to provide grants to veterans' service organizations to transport highly rural veterans
- *Sec. 107*- three-month extension of authority to provide community-based assisted living services for veterans with traumatic brain injury
- *Sec. 108*- two-year extension of authority to provide counseling in retreat settings for women veterans recently separated from service
- *Sec. 109*- one-year extension of authority to temporarily expand payments and allowances for beneficiary travel in connection with veterans receiving care from vet centers

### **Title II -- Extensions of Authority Relating to Benefits**

- *Sec. 201*- one-year extension of VA's authority for calculating the net value of real property at the time of foreclosure
- *Sec. 202*- one-year extension of VA's authorities related to vendee loans
- *Sec. 203*- one-year extension of authority to provide rehabilitation and vocational benefits to members of the Armed Forces with severe injuries or illnesses

### **Title III -- Extensions of Authority Relating to Homelessness**

- *Sec. 301*- one-year extension of authority to fund the Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program
- *Sec. 302*- one-year extension of authority to provide funding for the Homeless Women Veterans and Homeless Veterans with Children Reintegration Program
- *Sec. 303*- one-year extension of authority to provide referral and counseling services for certain veterans at risk of homelessness transitioning from certain institutions
- *Sec. 304*- one-year extension of authority to fund financial assistance for supportive services for very low-income veteran families in permanent housing (authorizes appropriations at \$320 million)
- *Sec. 305*- two-year extension of authority for a grant program for homeless veterans with special needs
- *Sec. 306*- one-year extension of the Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans
- *Sec. 307*- two-year extension of authority for treatment and rehabilitation services for seriously mentally ill homeless veterans

#### **Title IV – Other Extensions and Modifications of Authority and Other Matters**

- **Sec. 401-** two-year extension of VA’s authority to transport certain individuals to and from VA facilities
- **Sec. 402-** one-year extension of VA’s authority to operate a regional office in the Philippines
- **Sec. 403-** two-year extension of authority to provide monthly assistance allowances to certain veteran athletes with disabilities under the Office of National Veterans Sports Programs and Special Events
- **Sec. 404-** one-year extension of reporting requirement regarding VA’s provision of equitable relief in the case of administrative error
- **Sec. 405-** two-year extension of authority to carry out and fund adaptive sports programs for disabled veterans and members of the Armed Forces
- **Sec. 406-** one-year extension of the Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans
- **Sec. 407-** one-year extension of authority of specially adapted housing assistance for certain veterans with disabilities causing difficulty ambulating
- **Sec. 408-** one-year extension of authority for the Specially Adapted Housing Assistive Technology Grant Program
- **Sec. 409-** one-year extension of authority to guarantee payment of principal and interest on certificates or other securities
- **Sec. 410-** one-year extension of VA’s authority to enter into agreements with the National Academy of Sciences for purposes of Agent Orange studies
- **Sec. 411-** extends to July 31, 2018, the payment of reporting fees at the current rate of \$6 per student, and thereafter at a rate of \$15 per student through July 31, 2020

#### **Title V – Technical Corrections**

- **Sec. 501-** makes technical corrections to provisions enacted in the Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2017 (Public Law 115-48) as follows:
  - Clarifies VA authority to continue using State approving agencies to conduct compliance surveys in addition to risk-based surveys; from section 310 of P.L. 115-48
  - Includes enrollments in non-college degree programs under new calculation for stipend based on location where classes are attended and clarifies new calculation applies to enrollments on or after August 1, 2018 for degree and non-degree programs; from section 107 of P.L. 115-48
  - Clarifies that monthly stipends are to be prorated for months in which beneficiaries are on active duty for part of the month; from section 113 of P.L. 115-48
  - Clarifies that restoration of entitlement for past school closures applies to beneficiaries enrolled at a school within 120 days of a permanent closure; from section 109 of P.L. 115-48