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115TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. O'HALLERAN introduced the following bill; which was 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Fairness for Rural  
3 Veterans Act of 2017”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS PRIORITY**  
5 **FOR STATE HOME FACILITY GRANTS.**

6 Section 8135(c)(2) of title 38, United States Code,  
7 is amended—

8 (1) by redesignating subparagraphs (D)  
9 through (H) as subparagraphs (E) through (I), re-  
10 spectively; and

11 (2) by inserting after subparagraph (C) the fol-  
12 lowing new subparagraph (D):

13 “(D) An application for construction or acquisi-  
14 tion of a nursing home or domiciliary from a State  
15 that the Secretary determines, in accordance with  
16 regulations under this subchapter, has a great or  
17 significant need for beds and which is located at  
18 least 100 miles away from the nearest existing State  
19 home facility.”.