



# THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON **VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

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## **H.R. 491**

### ***The Return Home to Housing Act (Williams-D-GA)***

#### **Topline**

*Too many of our nation's veterans have returned home from serving our nation and lack access to housing. During their journey to permanent housing, many veterans receive transitional housing services through the VA Grant and Per Diem (GPD) Program. Currently, the maximum reimbursement that the VA can provide to transitional housing providers for caring for veterans is only sufficient to cover costs in less than one in five regions nationwide, limiting the services these organizations can provide. This legislation will raise the maximum allowable rate that VA can reimburse transitional housing providers for the shelter, care, and services they deliver to veterans experiencing homelessness.*

#### ***What does the bill do?***

This legislation will increase the reimbursement maximum from 115% (\$64.52/day) to 200% (\$112.20/day) of the state home domiciliary rate, which will ensure GPD providers in a majority of regions can get adequately reimbursed for their costs of supplying transitional housing and services to unhoused veterans. Requests for these increases date back to well before the pandemic as the cost of living and care increases nationwide.

H.R. 491 has 41 **bipartisan** cosponsors.

**Endorsements:** American Legion, National Alliance to End Homelessness, National Coalition for Homeless Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, BPC Action, Wounded Warrior Project (WWP)