

## HR 6361

### Vulnerable Veterans Housing Reform Act of 2012

**Congress:** 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Housing and Community Development

**Introduced:** Sep 10, 2012

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (Sep 20, 2012)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/112th-congress/house-bill/6361>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Heck, Joseph J. [R-NV-3]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** NV • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Biggert, Judy [R-IL-13]	R · IL		Sep 10, 2012
Rep. Johnson, Bill [R-OH-6]	R · OH		Sep 10, 2012
Rep. Miller, Gary G. [R-CA-42]	R · CA		Sep 10, 2012
Rep. Renacci, James B. [R-OH-16]	R · OH		Sep 10, 2012
Rep. Green, Al [D-TX-9]	D · TX		Sep 12, 2012
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Sep 12, 2012
Rep. Michaud, Michael H. [D-ME-2]	D · ME		Sep 18, 2012

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 20, 2012
Financial Services Committee	House	Markup By	Sep 12, 2012

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Housing and Community Development

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 6381	Related bill	Oct 1, 2012: Referred to the Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity.
112 S 3614	Related bill	Sep 21, 2012: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
112 HR 6111	Related bill	Sep 14, 2012: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

Vulnerable Veterans Housing Reform Act of 2012 - Amends the United States Housing Act of 1937 to exclude as family income for Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) housing assistance purposes any Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) payments made to veterans in need of regular aid and attendance for expenses related to such aid and attendance.

Prohibits, in determining the monthly rental assistance payment for low-income families, the amount for tenant-paid utilities from exceeding the appropriate utility allowance for that family unit size as determined by the public housing agency (agency), regardless of the size of the unit leased by the family. Requires the agency, upon request by a family that includes a person with disabilities, an elderly family, or a family that includes a person less than 18 years old, to approve a higher utility, except that, in the case of a family with a disabled person, the agency shall approve the higher amount only when needed as a reasonable accommodation to make the unit accessible to and usable by that person.

Directs the HUD Secretary to regularly publish data regarding local utility consumption and costs in order to establish appropriate allowances for tenant-paid utilities for assisted families.

Directs the VA Secretary to establish a pilot program to award grants to nonprofit organizations that primarily serve veterans or low-income individuals. Requires such grants to be used to rehabilitate and modify the primary residence of disabled or low-income veterans. Limits grant amounts to \$1 million per organization. Requires such Secretary to direct the oversight of grant fund use. Requires a minimum of 50% matching funds by participating organizations. Requires an annual pilot program report from such Secretary to Congress. Authorizes appropriations.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Sep 20, 2012:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
- **Sep 19, 2012:** Mrs. Biggert moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 19, 2012:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6121-6124)
- **Sep 19, 2012:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 6361.
- **Sep 19, 2012:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H6121-6122)
- **Sep 19, 2012:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H6121-6122)
- **Sep 19, 2012:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 12, 2012:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 12, 2012:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Sep 10, 2012:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 10, 2012:** Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.