



## H.R. 5664 – To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to update at least once every six years the plans and specifications for specially adapted housing furnished to veterans by the Secretary

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### FLOOR SITUATION

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H.R. 5664 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative [Ciro Rodriguez \(D-TX\)](#) on March 31, 2008. The House Committee on Veterans' Affairs ordered the bill to be reported, as amended, by voice vote on April 30, 2008.

H.R. 5664 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on May 20, 2008.

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### SUMMARY

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H.R. 5664 requires the Secretary of Veterans' Affairs to make available and regularly update a handbook given to veterans eligible for specially adapted housing assistance.

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### BACKGROUND

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Veterans and active duty service members with specific service-connected disabilities are eligible for specially adapted housing assistance. The Veterans Affairs Department currently administers two types of grants to help disabled veterans and active duty service members adapt their housing to meet their needs: the Specially Adapted Housing Grant and the Special Housing Adaptations Grant.

The Veterans Affairs Department provides handbooks to assist veterans and service members in choosing the best designs for their homes. This legislation instructs the Secretary to update the handbook containing appropriate designs for specially adapted housing every six years.

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### COST

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The Congressional Budget Office estimates that "because VA currently provides veterans with such designs...implementing the bill would have an insignificant effect on the budget." ([CBO Estimate, 4/30/08](#))

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