

# Union Calendar No. 402

110<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 5664

[Report No. 110-641]

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 31, 2008

Mr. RODRIGUEZ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

MAY 15, 2008

Additional sponsors: Mr. PASTOR, Mr. WALZ of Minnesota, and Mr. BUYER

MAY 15, 2008

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

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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. REGULAR UPDATE OF SPECIALLY ADAPTED**  
2 **HOUSING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FUR-**  
3 **NISHED TO VETERANS BY SECRETARY OF**  
4 **VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

5 Section 2103 of title 38, United States Code, is  
6 amended by adding at the end the following new sentence:  
7 “The Secretary shall update such plans and specifications  
8 at least once every six years.”.

9 **SECTION 1. REQUIREMENT FOR REGULAR UPDATES TO**  
10 **HANDBOOK FOR DESIGN FURNISHED TO VET-**  
11 **ERANS ELIGIBLE FOR SPECIALLY ADAPTED**  
12 **HOUSING ASSISTANCE BY SECRETARY OF**  
13 **VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

14 *Section 2103 of title 38, United States Code, is amend-*  
15 *ed—*

16 *(1) by striking “The Secretary” and inserting*  
17 *“(a) PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS.—The Secretary”;*  
18 *and*

19 *(2) by adding at the end the following new sub-*  
20 *section:*

21 *“(b) HANDBOOK FOR DESIGN.—The Secretary shall*  
22 *make available to veterans eligible for assistance under this*  
23 *chapter, without cost to the veterans, a handbook containing*  
24 *appropriate designs for specially adapted housing. The Sec-*  
25 *retary shall update such handbook at least every six years*  
26 *to take into account any new or unique disabilities, includ-*

1 *ing vision impairments, impairments specific to the of*  
2 *upper limbs, and burn injuries.”.*

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