

**H.R. 1170, as amended**  
**Grant Program for the Development of New Assistive**  
**Technologies for Specially Adapted Housing**

**Title:** To amend chapter 21 of title 38, United States Code, to establish a grant program to encourage the development of new assistive technologies for specially adapted housing.

**Mr. Boozman** of Arkansas introduced H.R. 1170 on February 25, 2009.

**H.R. 1170, as amended, would:**

1. Establish a specially adapted housing assistive technology grant program administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to encourage research and development of advanced technologies that are applicable to the Specially Adaptive Housing Program;
2. Authorize individual grants of up to \$200,000 per year to be awarded no later than October 1 of each year;
3. Require that individuals awarded a patent, as a result of funds from such grant, provide 30 percent of the interest to the Department of Veterans Affairs;
4. Require the Secretary to provide a yearly report to Congress containing the name of the grant recipient, amount of the grant and goal of the grant no later than March 1; and
5. Authorize the use of \$2 million from the Department of Medical Services for each fiscal year.
6. Require that the program be limited to five years.

**Effective Date:** 180 days after enactment

**Cost:** Preliminary cost estimate from CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1170 would cost \$8 million over five years in discretionary spending.

**Legislative History:**

- May 6, 2009: Ordered reported, amended, by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.  
May 14, 2009: Reported, as amended, H. Rept. 111-109.  
May 19, 2009: Passed the House under suspension by voice vote.