

# SENATOR BERNIE SANDERS

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## The VETERANS STATE ELIGIBILITY STANDARDIZATION ACT OF 2021

### Section-by-Section Fact Sheet

#### Sec. 1: Veterans State Eligibility Standardization Act of 2021

#### Sec. 2: Modification of low-income thresholds

- (a) Directs the Secretary to modify geographic regions used to determine income eligibility to the state in which the veteran resides.
- (b) Directs the Secretary to use the income threshold equal to 100% of the highest income threshold in each state as the threshold under which veterans are eligible for VA health care.
  - The thresholds used are those of the Department of Housing and Urban development.
  - The Secretary can take such time needed to implement the change effectively.

**Sec. 3:** All veterans once eligible and enrolled may not be deemed ineligible for any reason at a later point. To continue furnishing services, the Secretary may collect copayments from high-income veterans.