

Autonomy for Disabled Veterans Act (H.R. 2245/S. 1644)/Autonomy for All Disabled Veterans Act (H.R. 3309)



What does it do?

- ★ **Increases the home modification grant amount for the** Department of Veterans Affairs' Home Improvements and Structural Alterations **(HISA) grant.**
- ★ Raises the rates available to all eligible veterans.
- ★ Indexes the HISA grant, ensuring the funding keeps up with inflation.



Why is it needed?

- ★ **Despite labor and materials costs rising more than 50 percent since 2010, HISA grant amounts have not been increased** during that time.
- ★ The current grant is not tied to a cost index which means legislation will always be necessary to increase the amount.
- ★ Disabled veterans deserve access to programs that help them make medically necessary improvements to their homes, such as wheelchair ramps to enter and exit the residence, to allow them to remain independent.