

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]117TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION**H. R.** _____

To unify and strengthen the health and safety inspection standards for housing assisted under programs of the Departments of Housing and Urban Development and Agriculture, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M. _____ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

A BILL

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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Safe at Home Act of
5 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. UNIFORM INSPECTION STANDARDS.**

2 (a) IDENTIFICATION.—Not later than the expiration
3 of the 12-month period beginning on the date of the enact-
4 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Housing and Urban
5 Development and the Secretary of Agriculture shall jointly
6 carry out a review of all Federal and State statutes, regu-
7 lations, guidelines, standards, and other requirements ap-
8 plicable to housing assisted under any programs adminis-
9 tered by the Department of Housing and Urban Develop-
10 ment and the Department of Agriculture, respectively, in-
11 cluding single-family and multifamily housing, that pro-
12 vide for inspections to ensure or promote the safety,
13 healthiness, decency, habitability, sanitariness, or quality
14 of the housing, and shall identify the requirements that
15 are most stringent in providing protection to residents of
16 the housing.

17 (b) UNIFORM STANDARDS.—Not later than the expi-
18 ration of the 12-month period beginning on the date of
19 the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Housing and
20 Urban Development and the Secretary of Agriculture shall
21 jointly issue regulations that, notwithstanding any other
22 provision of law or Federal regulation, apply the require-
23 ments identified pursuant to subsection (a) to all housing
24 assisted under any programs administered by the Depart-
25 ment of Housing and Urban Development and the Depart-
26 ment of Agriculture, with any such variations and exemp-

1 tions as may be necessary to account for differences in
2 types of assisted housing structures. The regulations
3 issued pursuant to this subsection shall take effect upon
4 the expiration of the 6-month period beginning upon
5 issuance of such regulations.

6 (c) COVERED HOUSING.—The term “housing as-
7 sisted under any programs administered the Department
8 of Housing and Urban Development and the Department
9 of Agriculture” includes—

10 (1) public housing, as such term is defined in
11 section 3(b) of the United States Housing Act of
12 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437a(b);

13 (2) housing assisted with project-based assist-
14 ance under section 8 of the United States Housing
15 Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f).

16 (3) housing assisted with tenant-based assist-
17 ance under section 8(o) of the United States Hous-
18 ing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)).

19 (4) housing assisted under section 202 of the
20 Housing Act of 1959 (12 U.S.C. 1701q).

21 (5) housing assisted under section 811 of the
22 Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act
23 (42 U.S.C. 8013);

1 (6) housing assisted under subtitle D of title
2 VIII of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable
3 Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12901 et seq.);

4 (7) housing assisted under the HOME Invest-
5 ment Partnerships Act (42 U.S.C. 12721 et seq.);

6 (8) housing assisted under section 236 of the
7 National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1715z-1);

8 (9) housing assisted under the program under
9 paragraph (3) of section 221(d) of the National
10 Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1715l(d)) that bears inter-
11 est at a rate determined under the proviso under
12 paragraph (5) of such section 221(d);

13 (10) rural housing assisted under section 514,
14 515, 516, 521, 533, 538, or 542 of the Housing Act
15 of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1484, 1485, 1486, 1490a,
16 1490m, 1490p-2, or 1490r); and

17 (11) housing assisted under any other programs
18 administered by the Secretary of Housing and
19 Urban Development or the Secretary of Agriculture,
20 as identified by such Secretaries.