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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

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

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]
SEC. 2. UNIFORM INSPECTION STANDARDS.

(a) IDENTIFICATION.—Not later than the expiration of the 12-month period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and the Secretary of Agriculture shall jointly carry out a review of all Federal and State statutes, regulations, guidelines, standards, and other requirements applicable to housing assisted under any programs administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Department of Agriculture, respectively, including single-family and multifamily housing, that provide for inspections to ensure or promote the safety, healthiness, decency, habitability, sanitariness, or quality of the housing, and shall identify the requirements that are most stringent in providing protection to residents of the housing.

(b) UNIFORM STANDARDS.—Not later than the expiration of the 12-month period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and the Secretary of Agriculture shall jointly issue regulations that, notwithstanding any other provision of law or Federal regulation, apply the requirements identified pursuant to subsection (a) to all housing assisted under any programs administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Department of Agriculture, with any such variations and exemp-
tions as may be necessary to account for differences in types of assisted housing structures. The regulations issued pursuant to this subsection shall take effect upon the expiration of the 6-month period beginning upon issuance of such regulations.

(c) COVERED HOUSING.—The term “housing assisted under any programs administered the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Department of Agriculture” includes—

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

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

(3) housing assisted with tenant-based assistance under section 8(o) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)).


(5) housing assisted under section 811 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 8013);
(6) housing assisted under subtitle D of title VIII of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12901 et seq.);

(7) housing assisted under the HOME Investment Partnerships Act (42 U.S.C. 12721 et seq.);

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

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

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

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