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To provide enhanced voucher rental assistance for residents of certain federally assisted low-income housing, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 7, 2009

Mr. LYNCH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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 “Georgetowne Houses
5 Preservation Act of 2009”.

6 **SEC. 2. ENHANCED VOUCHER ASSISTANCE FOR CERTAIN**
7 **ASSISTED HOUSING RESIDENTS.**

8 (a) ENHANCED VOUCHER ASSISTANCE.—Notwith-
9 standing any other provision of law, contract, or covenant,

1 and subject only to the availability of amounts provided
2 in advance in appropriation Acts—

3 (1) upon the expiration, pursuant to paragraph
4 (2), of the use restrictions applicable to the covered
5 properties pursuant to the Emergency Low Income
6 Housing Preservation Act of 1987 (12 U.S.C. 1715l
7 note), each family who is an eligible low-income or
8 moderate income family, as such terms are used for
9 purposes of section 223(f)(2)(A) of the Low-Income
10 Housing Preservation and Resident Homeownership
11 Act of 1990 (12 U.S.C. 4113(f)(2)(A)), and, as of
12 such expiration, is residing in a dwelling unit in the
13 covered properties not covered by project-based rental
14 assistance, shall be offered enhanced voucher as-
15 sistance under section 8(t) of the United States
16 Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(t)), and each
17 such family who chooses to remain in the covered
18 properties shall have three years from the date of
19 the issuance of such enhanced voucher to commence
20 use of the voucher;

21 (2) such use restrictions applicable to the cov-
22 ered properties shall be deemed to expire on March
23 1, 2010, but only if the owner of the covered prop-
24 erties enters into agreements with the Secretary to
25 maintain the project-based rental assistance for the

1 properties for a period beginning upon such expira-
2 tion of not fewer than 20 years; and

3 (3) the contract rents for dwelling units in the
4 covered properties covered by project-based rental
5 assistance shall be determined during the period
6 ending upon the expiration of such use restrictions
7 pursuant to paragraph (2) based upon the rents for
8 comparable unassisted and unrestricted units in the
9 area in which the covered properties are located; ex-
10 cept that before May 1, 2012, the rental assistance
11 payments for such project-based units in the covered
12 property known as Georgetowne Houses II shall be
13 restricted to the rent levels provided under the
14 Emergency Low Income Housing Preservation Act
15 of 1987.

16 (b) COVERED PROPERTIES.—For purposes of this
17 section, the term “covered properties” means the housing
18 developments known as Georgetowne Houses I and II (for-
19 merly identified by FHA project nos. 023–55058 and
20 023–55179), located in Boston, Massachusetts.

21 (c) FUNDING.—Amounts for the enhanced vouchers
22 pursuant to this section shall be provided under amounts
23 appropriated for tenant-based rental assistance otherwise
24 authorized under section 8(t) of the United States Hous-
25 ing Act of 1937.

1 (d) APPLICABILITY.—This section shall take effect
2 upon enactment and nothing in this section may be con-
3 strued to require any administrative guidance.

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