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H. R. 5230

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 18, 2023

Mr. BACON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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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 “Basic Allowance for
5 Housing Calculation Improvement Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR HOUSING: PILOT PROGRAM**
2 **TO OUTSOURCE RATE CALCULATION.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than September 30,
4 2024, the Secretary of Defense shall seek to enter into
5 an agreement with a covered entity pursuant to which the
6 covered entity shall calculate, using industry standard ma-
7 chine learning and artificial intelligence algorithms, the
8 monthly rates of BAH for not fewer than 15 MHAs.

9 (b) REPORT.—Not later than two years after the date
10 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit
11 to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and
12 House of Representatives a report containing the evalua-
13 tion of the Secretary of the rates calculated by a covered
14 entity pursuant to an agreement under subsection (a).

15 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16 (1) The term “BAH” means the basic allow-
17 ance for housing for members of the uniformed serv-
18 ices under section 403 of title 37, United States
19 Code.

20 (2) The term “covered entity” means a nation-
21 ally recognized entity in the field of single-family
22 housing that has data on local rental rates in real
23 estate markets across the United States.

24 (3) The term “MHA” means military housing
25 area.