

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 5283

To provide a housing allowance to Federal wildland firefighters, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 17, 2021

Mr. NEGUSE (for himself and Ms. PORTER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Housing for our Fire-
5 fighters Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. HOUSING ALLOWANCE FOR FEDERAL WILDLAND**
7 **FIREFIGHTERS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability of ap-
9 propriations, the Secretary of the Interior and the Sec-

1 retary of Agriculture shall provide a housing allowance to
2 any Federal wildland firefighter hired at a location more
3 than 50 miles from their primary residence. Such allow-
4 ance shall be in an amount determined appropriate by the
5 Secretaries and adjusted based on the cost of housing in
6 the area of deployment.

7 (b) FEDERAL WILDLAND FIREFIGHTER DEFINED.—
8 In this Act, the term “Federal wildland firefighter” means
9 any temporary, seasonal, or permanent position at the De-
10 partment of Agriculture or the Department of the Interior
11 that maintains group, emergency incident management, or
12 fire qualifications and primarily engages in or supports
13 wildland fire management activities, including forestry
14 and rangeland technicians and positions concerning avia-
15 tion, fire heavy equipment operations, emergency dispatch
16 communication services, or fire and fuels management.

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