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# H. R. 5298

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 29, 2023

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

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## 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 “Military Lodging Re-  
5 form Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORITY TO OPERATE CERTAIN TRANSIENT**  
2 **HOUSING OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**  
3 **TRANSFERRED TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF**  
4 **DEFENSE FOR ENERGY, INSTALLATIONS, AND**  
5 **ENVIRONMENT.**

6 (a) TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY.—

7 (1) ASSIGNMENT.—Paragraph (7) of section  
8 138(b) of title 10, United States Code, is amended  
9 by adding at the end the following new sentence:  
10 “The Assistant Secretary is responsible, subject to  
11 the authority, direction, and control of the Secretary  
12 of Defense, for all matters relating to lodging in-  
13 tended to be occupied by members of the Armed  
14 Forces that require such lodging due to a temporary  
15 duty assignment or a permanent change of station  
16 order.”.

17 (2) TRANSFER.—

18 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days  
19 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the  
20 Secretary of Defense shall transfer each duty or  
21 responsibility relating to covered transient hous-  
22 ing to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for  
23 Energy, Installations, and Environment.

24 (B) CERTIFICATION.—Not later than 180  
25 days after the date of the enactment of this  
26 Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to

1 the congressional defense committees a certifi-  
2 cation that the transfer required under sub-  
3 paragraph (A) has been completed.

4 (3) COORDINATION ON COVERED TRANSIENT  
5 HOUSING.—

6 (A) ARMY TRANSIENT HOUSING.—On mat-  
7 ters relating to covered transient housing of the  
8 Department of the Army, the Assistant Sec-  
9 retary of Defense for Energy, Installations, and  
10 Environment shall coordinate with the Assistant  
11 Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy,  
12 and Environment.

13 (B) NAVY TRANSIENT HOUSING.—On mat-  
14 ters relating to covered transient housing of the  
15 Department of the Navy, the Assistant Sec-  
16 retary of Defense for Energy, Installations, and  
17 Environment shall coordinate with the Assistant  
18 Secretary of the Navy (Energy, Installations,  
19 and Environment).

20 (C) AIR FORCE TRANSIENT HOUSING.—On  
21 matters relating to covered transient housing of  
22 the Department of the Air Force, the Assistant  
23 Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations,  
24 and Environment shall coordinate with the As-

1           sistant Secretary of the Air Force for Energy,  
2           Installations and Environment.

3           (b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in law, regulation,  
4 guidance, instruction, or other document of the Federal  
5 Government to the Under Secretary of Defense for Per-  
6 sonnel and Readiness with respect to covered transient  
7 housing shall be deemed to refer to the Assistant Sec-  
8 retary of Defense for Energy, Installations, and Environ-  
9 ment.

10          (c) COVERED TRANSIENT HOUSING DEFINED.—In  
11 this section, the term “covered transient housing” means  
12 lodging intended to be occupied by members of the Armed  
13 Forces that require such lodging due to—

- 14           (1) a temporary duty assignment; or  
15           (2) a permanent change of station order.

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