

115TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 5654

To amend the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 to include the rural development voucher program as a covered housing program, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 27, 2018

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas (for himself and Mr. POLIQUIN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial 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 “VAWA Protections for  
5 Rural Women Act of 2018”.

6 **SEC. 2. COVERED HOUSING PROGRAMS.**

7 Paragraph (3) of section 41411(a) of the Violence  
8 Against Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12491(a)(3)) is  
9 amended—

1           (1) in subparagraph (I), by striking “and” at  
2 the end;

3           (2) by redesignating subparagraph (J) as sub-  
4 paragraph (K); and

5           (3) by inserting after subparagraph (I) the fol-  
6 lowing new subparagraph:

7                   “(J) rural development housing voucher  
8 assistance provided by the Secretary of Agri-  
9 culture pursuant to section 542 of the Housing  
10 Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1490r), without regard  
11 to subsection (b) of such section, and applicable  
12 appropriation Acts; and”.

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