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H. R. 6212

To authorize the Department of Energy to assess and score new and existing homes for the cost-effective reduction in the energy use, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 28, 2016

Mr. CARTWRIGHT (for himself, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. TONKO, Ms. MATSUI, and Mr. CONNOLLY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Scoring Calculations
5 for Our Residential Energy Act of 2016” or the “SCORE
6 Act of 2016”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY HOME ENERGY SCORE**
2 **PROGRAM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Energy shall
4 maintain a Home Energy Score Program to provide to
5 homeowners and borrowers, on a voluntary basis at the
6 request of the homeowner or borrower, a score document
7 for the purpose of enabling the cost-effective reduction in
8 the energy use of those homes. Score documents shall be
9 available under the Program for both new and existing
10 homes. A score document shall grade the home on its en-
11 ergy consumption for heating, cooling, water heating, and
12 other variables the Secretary considers appropriate to en-
13 able achieving cost-effective reduction in the energy use
14 of the home, so that it may be easily compared to other
15 homes. The Program may include the alternate use of any
16 comparable residential rating system, as approved by the
17 Secretary of Energy through published guidelines.

18 (b) ASSESSMENTS.—The Program shall provide for
19 home assessments, conducted pursuant to a request by a
20 homeowner or borrower in accordance with section 2(a),
21 by assessors who hold a relevant qualifying credential ap-
22 proved by the Secretary of Energy, to collect energy use
23 information during an approved walk-through of the home
24 for the purpose of creating a score document for the home.

25 (c) SCORE DOCUMENT.—A score document under the
26 Program shall include—

1 (1) energy use information collected during an
2 assessment described in subsection (b) for a home,
3 differentiated by specific energy uses and provided
4 on a relative scale based on benchmarks set within
5 the Program; and

6 (2) cost-effective recommendations of means to
7 improve the score and energy efficiency of the home.

8 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

9 In this Act:

10 (1) HOME.—The term “home” means any per-
11 manent legal residence with a roof and walls which
12 is not a mobile home, manufactured home, house-
13 boat, camper van, recreational vehicle, apartment,
14 hospital, assisted living facility, or office building.

15 (2) MANUFACTURED HOME.—The term “manu-
16 factured home” has the meaning given such term in
17 section 603 of the National Manufactured Housing
18 Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974 (42
19 U.S.C. 5402).

20 (3) PROGRAM.—The term “Program” means
21 the Home Energy Score Program maintained by the
22 Department of Energy under section 2.

23 (4) SCORE DOCUMENT.—The term “score docu-
24 ment” means a document described in section 2(c).

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