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H. R. 6905

To require the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to establish a program to require the National Institute of Standards and Technology to inspect buildings containing covered Federally assisted rental housing, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 22, 2023

Mr. TORRES of New York introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, 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 “Building Collapse Pre-
5 vention Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INSPECTION OF COVERED FEDERALLY ASSISTED**
2 **RENTAL HOUSING.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Housing and
4 Urban Development shall, not later than 1 year after the
5 date of the enactment of this section, establish a program
6 under which the National Institute of Standards and
7 Technology shall—

8 (1) if requested by the Secretary of Housing
9 and Urban Development after a qualifying event or
10 a Member of the United States House of Represent-
11 atives or the United States Senate who's district
12 contains such building after a qualifying event, in-
13 spect any building containing covered Federally as-
14 sisted rental housing and identify any structural
15 issues that could lead such building to collapse; or

16 (2) if a building containing covered Federally
17 assisted rental housing collapses, inspect the remains
18 of such building.

19 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20 (1) COVERED FEDERALLY ASSISTED RENTAL
21 HOUSING.—The term “covered Federally assisted
22 rental housing” means a residential dwelling unit
23 that is made available for rental and for which as-
24 sistance is provided, or that is part of a housing
25 project for which assistance is provided, under any
26 program administered by the Secretary of Housing

1 and Urban Development or the Secretary of Agri-
2 culture including—

3 (A) the public housing program under the
4 United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C.
5 1437 et seq.);

6 (B) the program for rental assistance
7 under section 8 of the United States Housing
8 Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f);

9 (C) the HOME Investment Partnerships
10 program under title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez
11 National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C.
12 12721 et seq.);

13 (D) title IV of the McKinney-Vento Home-
14 less Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11360 et seq.);

15 (E) the Housing Trust Fund program
16 under section 1338 of the Housing and Com-
17 munity Development Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C
18 4568);

19 (F) the program for supportive housing for
20 the elderly under section 202 of the Housing
21 Act of 1959 (12 U.S.C. 1701q);

22 (G) the program for supportive housing for
23 persons with disabilities under section 811 of
24 the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable
25 Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 8013);

1 (H) the AIDS Housing Opportunities pro-
2 gram under subtitle D of title VIII of the Cran-
3 ston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act
4 (42 U.S.C. 12901 et seq.);

5 (I) the program for Native American hous-
6 ing under the Native American Housing Assist-
7 ance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25
8 U.S.C. 4101 et seq.);

9 (J) the program for housing assistance for
10 Native Hawaiians under title VIII of the Native
11 American Housing Assistance and Self-Deter-
12 mination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4221 et seq.);
13 and

14 (K) the programs for assistance for rural
15 rental housing under title V of the Housing Act
16 of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1471 et seq.).

17 (2) QUALIFYING EVENT.—The term “qualifying
18 event” means—

19 (A) a finding by a local building safety
20 regulator of a violation of a local construction
21 or building safety codes that could cause a
22 building to collapse, or

1 (B) an issuance of an inspection report by
2 a licensed building inspector that finds struc-
3 tural issues with a building.

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