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H. R. 7562

To direct the Secretary of Defense to report on the basic allowance for housing for members of the uniformed services.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 21, 2022

Ms. STRICKLAND (for herself, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. LIEU, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mr. BROWN of Maryland, and Mrs. HAYES) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

To direct the Secretary of Defense to report on the basic allowance for housing for members of the uniformed services.

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 “BAH Calculation Im-
5 provement Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR HOUSING FOR**
7 **MEMBERS OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES.**

8 (a) REPORT; ELEMENTS.—Not later than one year
9 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
10 of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Serv-

1 ices of the Senate and House of Representatives a report
2 on the basic allowance for housing for members of the uni-
3 formed services. Such report shall contain the following
4 elements:

5 (1) The evaluation of the Secretary—

6 (A) of the efficiency and accuracy of the
7 current system used to calculate BAH;

8 (B) the appropriateness of using mean and
9 median housing costs in such calculation;

10 (C) of existing MHAs, in relation to
11 choices in, and availability of, housing to
12 servicemembers; and

13 (D) of the suitability of the six standard
14 housing profiles in relation to the average fam-
15 ily sizes of servicemembers, disaggregated by
16 uniformed service, rank, and MHA.

17 (2) The recommendation of the Secretary—

18 (A) regarding the feasibility of including
19 information, furnished by Federal entities, re-
20 garding school districts, in calculating BAH;

21 (B) whether to calculate BAH more fre-
22 quently, including in response to a sudden
23 change in the housing market;

24 (C) whether to enter into an agreement
25 with a commercial entity, to compile data and

1 develop an algorithm, in order to calculate
2 BAH; and

3 (D) whether to publish the methods used
4 by the Secretary to calculate BAH on a publicly
5 accessible website of the Department of De-
6 fense.

7 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 (1) The term “BAH” means the basic allow-
9 ance for housing for members of the uniformed serv-
10 ices under section 403 of title 37, United States
11 Code.

12 (2) The term “MHA” means military housing
13 area.

14 (3) The term “servicemember” has the meaning
15 given such term in section 101 of the
16 Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (50 U.S.C. 3911).

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