

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 7563

To direct the Secretary of Defense to seek to enter into an agreement with an entity to conduct a study and produce a report on barriers to home ownership for members of the Armed Forces.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 21, 2022

Ms. STRICKLAND introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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 “Increasing Homeown-
5 ership for Servicemembers Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. STUDY AND REPORT ON BARRIERS TO HOME OWN-**
2 **ERSHIP FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED**
3 **FORCES.**

4 Not later than one year after the date of the enact-
5 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall seek to
6 enter into an agreement with a federally funded research
7 and development center or non-profit entity to conduct a
8 study on the barriers to home ownership for members of
9 the Armed Forces. At the conclusion of such study, the
10 Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Armed Serv-
11 ices of the Senate and House of Representatives, a report
12 containing the following elements:

13 (1) Potential barriers to home ownership, in-
14 cluding down payments, concerns about home main-
15 tenance, and challenges in selling a home.

16 (2) The percentage of members who use the
17 basic allowance for housing to pay for a mortgage,
18 disaggregated by Armed Force, rank, and military
19 housing area.

20 (3) Any identified differences in home owner-
21 ship rates among members correlated with race or
22 gender.

23 (4) What percentage of members own a home
24 before they separate from the Armed Forces.

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