

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 8281

To amend title 37, United States Code, to extend the authority to temporarily adjust the basic allowance for housing in certain areas.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 1, 2022

Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia (for herself, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, and Ms. STRICKLAND) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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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 “Military Housing Af-
5 fordability Act of 2022”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress makes the following findings:

8 (1) In April 2022, the median price for existing
9 home sales increased 14.8 percent from the previous

1 year and 2021 saw year-over-year median price in-
2 creases as high as 23.6 percent, according to data
3 from the National Association of Realtors.

4 (2) The Military Times, in July 2021, reported,
5 “A number of service members [are] being forced to
6 pay hundreds of dollars more in rent per month
7 than their housing allowance covers.”.

8 (3) In September 2021, the Department of De-
9 fense exercised its authority to temporarily adjust
10 basic allowance for housing rates in 56 housing mar-
11 kets for members of the uniformed services who in-
12 curred increased housing costs above their current
13 basic allowance for housing rate, in order to “help
14 ease the financial burden of rising housing costs fac-
15 ing Service members moving to new duty stations or
16 signing new leases”.

17 (4) In November 2021, the Secretary of De-
18 fense approved a temporary basic allowance for
19 housing increase for members in locations where
20 rental prices rose at least 10 percent in 2021.

21 (5) The Secretary of Defense’s authority to
22 temporarily adjust basic allowance for housing rates
23 in a military housing area, if the actual costs of ade-
24 quate housing for civilians in that military housing
25 area differs from the basic allowance for housing

1 rate by more than 20 percent, is set to expire on
2 September 30, 2022.

3 **SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO TEMPORARILY AD-**
4 **JUST BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR HOUSING IN**
5 **CERTAIN AREAS.**

6 Section 403(b) of title 37, United States Code, is
7 amended by striking “2022” both places it appears and
8 inserting “2024”.

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