

103<sup>D</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 1733

To amend title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act to reserve amounts made available to participating jurisdictions under subtitle A of such title to provide smoke detectors and other fire safety devices in single room occupancy housing that qualifies as affordable rental housing.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 20, 1993

Mr. GUTIERREZ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs

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## 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 “Single Room Occu-  
5 pancy Housing Fire Safety Enhancement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELIGIBLE USES OF INVESTMENT.**

2 Section 212(a) of the Cranston-Gonzalez National  
3 Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12742(a)) is amend-  
4 ed—

5 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “and to pro-  
6 vide tenant-based rental assistance” and inserting  
7 “to provide tenant-based rental assistance, and to  
8 provide fire safety devices in single room occupancy  
9 rental housing that qualifies as affordable housing”;  
10 and

11 (2) by inserting after paragraph (3) the follow-  
12 ing new paragraph:

13 “(4) FIRE SAFETY DEVICES IN SRO HOUSING.—

14 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A participating juris-  
15 diction may use funds provided under this sub-  
16 title for providing fire safety devices for, and in-  
17 stalling such devices in, single room occupancy  
18 housing for rental that qualifies as affordable  
19 housing under this title.

20 “(B) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this  
21 paragraph:

22 “(i) The term ‘fire safety devices’  
23 means (I) automatic sprinkler systems, as  
24 such term is defined in section 31(a) of the  
25 Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act  
26 of 1974, (II) smoke detectors, as such

1 term is defined in such section, including  
2 hard-wired or battery-operated smoke de-  
3 tectors, or (III) mechanical devices to  
4 automatically close doors.

5 “(ii) The term ‘single room occupancy  
6 housing’ means housing composed pri-  
7 marily or exclusively of dwelling units for  
8 occupancy by 1 person, including units  
9 containing food preparation or sanitary fa-  
10 cilities, or both.’”.

11 **SEC. 3. RESERVATION OF AMOUNTS.**

12 Section 218 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Af-  
13 fordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12748) is amended—

14 (1) in subsection (h), by inserting before the pe-  
15 riod at the end the following: “and the status of any  
16 amounts reserved under subsection (h)”;

17 (2) by redesignating subsection (h) (as amended  
18 by paragraph (1)) as subsection (i); and

19 (3) by inserting after subsection (g) the follow-  
20 ing new subsection:

21 “(h) RESERVATION OF AMOUNTS FOR FIRE SAFETY  
22 IN SRO HOUSING.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—For any participating juris-  
24 diction whose approved housing strategy or annual  
25 update for a fiscal year does not include a certifi-

1 cation under section 105(b)(20), the Secretary shall  
2 reserve 0.5 percent of any amounts allocated to the  
3 HOME Investment Trust Fund of the jurisdiction  
4 for the fiscal year for use only for the purpose under  
5 section 212(a)(4) and may permit a participating ju-  
6 risdiction to draw funds from such amounts reserved  
7 only after providing certification under subsection  
8 (d) that the funds will be used for such purpose.

9 “(2) EXPIRATION OF RESERVATION.—Any  
10 amounts reserved under this subsection that are not  
11 placed under binding commitment for use under sec-  
12 tion 212(a)(4) within 6 months after the last day of  
13 the month in which such funds are deposited in the  
14 participating jurisdiction’s HOME Investment Trust  
15 Fund shall be available for use by the participating  
16 jurisdiction for any purpose authorized under section  
17 212(a), subject to the other provisions of this title.”.

18 **SEC. 4. COMPREHENSIVE HOUSING AFFORDABILITY**  
19 **STRATEGY.**

20 Section 105(b) of the Cranston-Gonzalez National  
21 Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12705(b)) is amended  
22 by adding after paragraph (17) (as added by section  
23 220(b)(3) of the Housing and Community Development  
24 Act of 1992 (Public Law 102–550; 106 Stat. 3761) and

1 redesignated by section 220(c)(1) of such Act (106 Stat.  
2 3762)), the following new paragraph:

3           “(20) in the case of any jurisdiction in which  
4           any single room occupancy rental housing in the ju-  
5           risdiction that qualifies as affordable housing is ade-  
6           quately protected by fire safety devices (as such  
7           term is defined in section 212(a)(4)(B)) or any ju-  
8           risdiction having no single room occupancy housing,  
9           a certification that such housing is so protected and  
10          that reservation of amounts under section 218(h) is  
11          unnecessary.”.

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