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To increase the flexibility of and to streamline certain single family programs administered by the Federal Housing Administration, to reform the single family claims and property disposition procedures, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. Lazio of New York (by request) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services

A BILL

- To increase the flexibility of and to streamline certain single family programs administered by the Federal Housing Administration, to reform the single family claims and property disposition procedures, and for other purposes.
 - 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 AND TABLE OF CONTENTS.
 - 4 (a) Short Title.—This Act may be cited as the
 - 5 "FHA Single Family Housing Reform Act of 1996".
 - 6 (b) Table of Contents.—
 - Sec. 1. Short title and table of contents.
 - Sec. 2. Implementation.

- Sec. 10. Alternative mortgage insurance premium structures.
- Sec. 11. Insurance of pioneering single family products.
- Sec. 12. Limitation on FHA insuring authority.

TITLE II—CLAIMS AND PROPERTY DISPOSITION REFORM INITIATIVES

- Sec. 20. Single family claims reform.
- Sec. 21. Sale of acquired property.

TITLE III—STREAMLINING PROPOSALS

- Sec. 30. Authority to establish loan to value ratios and related changes to warranty requirement.
- Sec. 31. Delegation of insuring authority to DE mortgagees.
- Sec. 32. Authority to use amounts borrowed from family members for downpayments.
- Sec. 33. HECM program.
- Sec. 34. 100% condominium mortgage insurance for disasters.
- Sec. 35. Repeal of provision for fund payments to correct substantial defects.

1 SEC. 2. IMPLEMENTATION.

- 2 (a) Issuance of Necessary Regulations.—Not-
- 3 withstanding 42 U.S.C. 3535(o) or 24 CFR part 10, the
- 4 Secretary shall issue such regulations as may be necessary
- 5 to implement any provision of this Act, and any amend-
- 6 ment made by this Act, in accordance with section 552
- 7 or 553 of title 5, United States Code, as determined by
- 8 the Secretary.
- 9 (b) Use of Existing Rules.—In implementing any
- 10 provision of this Act, the Secretary may, in the Secretary's
- 11 discretion, provide for the use of existing rules to the ex-
- 12 tent appropriate, without the need for further rulemaking.

1 TITLE I—PRODUCT FLEXIBILITY AND

2	INSURANCE
3	SEC. 10. ALTERNATIVE MORTGAGE INSURANCE PREMIUM
4	STRUCTURES.
5	Section 203(c) of the National Housing Act is
6	amended by adding at the end the following:
7	"(3)(A) For any class or group of mortgages identi-
8	fied by the Secretary that are insured under this title, se-
9	cured by 1- to 4-family dwellings and executed on or after
10	the effective date of the American Community Partner-
11	ships Act of 1996, the Secretary may establish a mortgage
12	insurance premium structure involving a single premium
13	collected prior to the insurance of the mortgage or periodic
14	premium payments, or both, without regard to any maxi-
15	mum or minimum premium amounts set forth in this sub-
16	section. The rate of premium for a mortgage may vary
17	during the mortgage term as long as the basis for deter-
18	mining the variable rate is determined prior to execution
19	of the mortgage. The Secretary may change a premium
20	structure established under this subparagraph if the
21	change is not applied to any mortgage already executed.
22	"(B) A premium structure shall be established or
23	changed under subparagraph (A) by publishing notice in
24	the Federal Register and by providing notice to Congress

- 1 at least 30 days before the premium structure is estab-
- 2 lished or changed.
- 3 "(C) The Secretary shall consider the following when
- 4 establishing a premium structure under subparagraph (A)
- 5 or when changing such a premium structure—
- 6 "(i) the effect on the Secretary's ability to meet
- 7 the operational goals of the Mutual Mortgage Insur-
- 8 ance Fund as provided in section 205(h), or the ef-
- 9 fect on the Secretary's ability to insure mortgages
- 10 for low- and moderate-income homeowners under the
- 11 General Insurance Fund on a sound actuarial basis;
- "(ii) the needs of first-time homebuyers and
- homebuyers with limited ability to make
- downpayments;
- 15 "(iii) the extent to which new pricing has poten-
- tial for acceptance on the private market; and
- 17 "(iv) the administrative capability of the Sec-
- 18 retary to administer the proposed premium struc-
- 19 ture.
- 20 "(D) After a mortgage is insured, the mortgagor and
- 21 mortgagee shall have no right to a refund of any premium
- 22 amount established under subparagraph (A). If a mort-
- 23 gage is prepaid in full, the Secretary may refund to the
- 24 mortgagor all or part of any unearned premium charges
- 25 collected prior to the insurance of the mortgage.

- 1 "(E) The Secretary may defer the collection date for all or any part of a premium due under a premium struc-3 ture established under this paragraph, with or without collecting interest on the deferred payment, until payment of the mortgage in full or such other event as the Secretary may prescribe.". SEC. 11. INSURANCE OF PIONEERING SINGLE FAMILY 8 PRODUCTS. 9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title II of the National Housing Act is amended by adding at the end the following new 10 11 section: 12 "INSURANCE OF PIONEERING SINGLE FAMILY PRODUCTS 13 "Sec. 256. (a) In General.—The Secretary may carry out demonstrations which have the potential to in-15 crease homeownership opportunities through innovative underwriting, premium structures, and insured mortgage products. Demonstrations shall be consistent with the 17 18 goals of this Act. "(b) Purposes.—The purposes of this section are 19 20 to— 21 "(1) expand opportunities for homeownership 22 through credit enhancement demonstrations;
- 23 "(2) address the unmet housing needs of Amer-24 ican families and communities by supplementing pri-

vate sector activity;

- 1 "(3) better serve underserved markets through 2 research, developing, and testing new insurance
- 3 products and methods of delivering mortgage serv-
- 4 ices;
- 5 "(4) expand access to affordable housing on a 6 nondiscriminatory basis; and
- 7 "(5) improve the capacity of localities, States, 8 and for profit and non-profit entities to deliver hous-9 ing credit to American families and communities.
- 10 "(c) Demonstration Requirements.—In approv-
- 11 ing a demonstration under this section, the Secretary may
- 12 establish such requirements as the Secretary considers ap-
- 13 propriate to further the purposes of this section. The Sec-
- 14 retary shall determine the terms and conditions of insur-
- 15 ance, notwithstanding any provision of this Act.
- 16 "(d) TERM OF DEMONSTRATION.—Each demonstra-
- 17 tion may be approved for a term of up to 5 years. The
- 18 term of an insured mortgage or an activity carried out
- 19 under a demonstration may extend for a longer term, as
- 20 determined by the Secretary. The Secretary may termi-
- 21 nate any demonstration before the end of the approved
- 22 term if the Secretary deems such action necessary.
- "(e) Use of General Insurance Fund.—The in-
- 24 surance or reinsurance of a mortgage or pool of mortgages
- 25 by the Secretary under this section shall be an obligation

- 1 of the General Insurance Fund created pursuant to sec-
- 2 tion 519 of this Act.

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- 3 "(f) Program Level.—
- "(1) ALL DEMONSTRATIONS.—The aggregate
 number of mortgages insured under this section in
 any fiscal year may not exceed 10 percent of the
 number of single family mortgages insured by the
 Secretary under this title in the current fiscal year.
 - "(2) Each demonstration.—The total number of mortgages insured under this section pursuant to any one demonstration in any fiscal year may not exceed 5 percent of the number of single family mortgages insured under this title in the current fiscal year.
- 15 "(g) Reports.—
- 16 "(1) Annual progress report.—For each 17 demonstration carried out under this section, the 18 Secretary shall prepare an annual progress report.
 - "(2) Report following completion of Each demonstration.—The Secretary shall submit a report to Congress within 1 year after the completion of each demonstration, describing the results of the demonstration and making any recommendations for legislation.".

- 1 (b) EVALUATIONS.—The Secretary shall conduct
- 2 such evaluations of the demonstrations under section 257
- 3 of the National Housing Act as the Secretary deems ap-
- 4 propriate.

5 SEC. 12. LIMITATION ON FHA INSURING AUTHORITY.

- 6 Section 531(b) of the National Housing Act is
- 7 amended to read as follows:
- 8 "(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law and
- 9 subject only to the absence of qualified requests for insur-
- 10 ance, to the authority provided in this Act, and to the limi-
- 11 tation in subsection (a), the Secretary shall enter into
- 12 commitments to insure mortgages under this Act with an
- 13 aggregate principal amount of \$127,400,000,000 during
- 14 fiscal year 1997 and such sums as may be necessary dur-
- 15 ing fiscal years 1998, 1999, and 2000.".

16 TITLE II—CLAIMS AND PROPERTY

17 **DISPOSITION REFORM INITIATIVES**

- 18 SEC. 20. SINGLE FAMILY CLAIMS REFORM.
- 19 (a) REVISION OF CLAIMS PROCEDURES.—Section
- 20 204(a) of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1710(a))
- 21 is amended to read as follows:
- 22 "(a)(1) AUTHORIZED CLAIMS PROCEDURES.—The
- 23 Secretary is authorized, in accordance with this subsection
- 24 and terms and conditions prescribed by the Secretary, to
- 25 pay insurance benefits to the mortgagee as provided in

1	this paragraph through any of the methods described in
2	subsections $(a)(1)(A)$ – (D) in connection with any mort-
3	gage insured under section 203 of this Act.
4	"(A) Assignment of Mortgage.—The Sec-
5	retary may pay insurance benefits whenever a mort-
6	gage has been in a monetary default for at least
7	three full monthly installments or whenever the
8	mortgagee is entitled to foreclose a mortgage for a
9	non-monetary default. Insurance benefits shall be
10	paid only upon the assignment, transfer and delivery
11	to the Secretary of—
12	"(i) all rights and interests arising under
13	the mortgage;
14	"(ii) all claims of the mortgagee against
15	the mortgagor or others arising out of the
16	mortgage transaction;
17	"(iii) title evidence satisfactory to the Sec-
18	retary; and
19	"(iv) such records relating to the mortgage
20	transaction as the Secretary may require.
21	"(B) Conveyance of title to property.—
22	The Secretary may pay insurance benefits if the
23	mortgagee has acquired title to the mortgaged prop-
24	erty through foreclosure or has otherwise acquired

1	such property	from	the	mortgagor	after	a	default
2	upon—						

- "(i) the prompt conveyance to the Secretary of title to the property which meets the standards of the Secretary in force at the time the mortgage was insured, and which is evidenced in the manner provided by such standards; and
- "(ii) the assignment to the Secretary of all claims of the mortgagee against the mortgager or others, arising out of the mortgage transaction or foreclosure proceedings, except such claims as may have been released with the consent of the Secretary.

The Secretary is authorized to permit the mortgagee to tender to the Secretary a satisfactory conveyance of title and transfer of possession direct from the mortgagor or other appropriate grantor, and to pay the insurance benefits to the mortgagee which it would otherwise be entitled to if such conveyance had been made to the mortgagee and from the mortgagee to the Secretary.

"(C) CLAIM WITHOUT CONVEYANCE OF TITLE.—The Secretary may pay insurance benefits upon sale of the mortgaged property at foreclosure

- 1 where such sale is for at least the fair market value 2 of the property (with appropriate adjustments), as 3 determined by the Secretary and upon assignment to the Secretary of all claims referred to in clause (ii) 5 of subsection (a)(1)(B). 6 "(D) Pre-foreclosure sale.—The Secretary 7 may pay insurance benefits upon the sale of the 8 mortgaged property by the mortgagor after default 9 and the assignment to the Secretary of all claims re-10 ferred to in clause (ii) of subsection (a)(1)(B), if— 11 "(i) the sale of the mortgaged property has 12 been approved by the Secretary; 13 "(ii) the mortgagee receives an amount at 14 least equal to the fair market value of the prop-15 erty (with appropriate adjustments), as deter-16 mined by the Secretary; and 17 "(iii) the mortgagor has received an appro-18 priate disclosure, as determined by the Sec-19 retary. "(2) PAYMENT FOR LOSS MITIGATION.—The Sec-20
- "(2) PAYMENT FOR LOSS MITIGATION.—The Sec-21 retary may pay insurance benefits to the mortgagee to rec-22 ompense the mortgagee for its actions to provide an alter-23 native to foreclosure of a mortgage that is in default, 24 which actions may include such actions as special forbear-25 ance, loan modification, and deeds in lieu of foreclosure,

- 1 all upon such terms and conditions as the mortgagee shall
- 2 determine in the mortgagee's sole discretion within guide-
- 3 lines provided by the Secretary, but which may not include
- 4 assignment of a mortgage to the Secretary. For purposes
- 5 of the preceding sentence, no action authorized by the Sec-
- 6 retary and no action taken, nor any failure to act, by the
- 7 Secretary or the mortgagee shall be subject to judicial re-
- 8 view.
- 9 "(3) Determining Claims Procedure.—The Sec-
- 10 retary shall publish guidelines for determining which of
- 11 the procedures for payment of insurance specified in sub-
- 12 sections (a)(1)(A)–(D) are available to a mortgagee when
- 13 it claims insurance benefits. At least one of the procedures
- 14 for payment of insurance benefits specified in subsection
- 15 (a)(1)(A) or (a)(1)(B) shall be available to a mortgagee
- 16 with respect to a mortgage, but the same procedure is not
- 17 required to be available for all of the mortgages held by
- 18 a mortgagee.
- 19 "(4) Servicing Assigned Mortgage.—If a mort-
- 20 gage is assigned to the Secretary under paragraph (1)(A),
- 21 the Secretary may permit the assigning mortgagee or its
- 22 servicer to continue to service the mortgage for reasonable
- 23 compensation and on terms and conditions determined by
- 24 the Secretary. Neither the Secretary nor any servicer of
- 25 the mortgage shall be required to forbear from collection

- 1 of amounts due under the mortgage or otherwise pursue
- 2 loss mitigation measures.
- 3 "(5) CALCULATING INSURANCE BENEFITS.—Insur-
- 4 ance benefits shall be paid as provided in section 520 of
- 5 this Act, and shall be equal to the original principal obliga-
- 6 tion of the mortgage which was unpaid on the date the
- 7 mortgage was assigned to the Secretary, or on the date
- 8 of the institution of foreclosure proceedings, or on the date
- 9 of the acquisition of the property after default other than
- 10 by foreclosure, or on the date of sale of the mortgaged
- 11 property by the mortgagor, with such additions and deduc-
- 12 tions as the Secretary deems appropriate.
- 13 "(6) Forbearance and Recasting After De-
- 14 FAULT.—The mortgagee may, upon such terms and condi-
- 15 tions as the Secretary may prescribe—
- "(A) extend the time for the curing of the de-
- fault, and of the time for commencing foreclosure
- proceedings or for otherwise acquiring title to the
- mortgaged property to such time as the mortgagee
- determines is necessary and desirable to enable the
- 21 mortgagor to complete the mortgage payments, in-
- cluding an extension of time beyond the stated ma-
- 23 turity of the mortgage, and in the event of a subse-
- 24 quent foreclosure or acquisition of the property by
- other means the Secretary is authorized to include

in the amount of insurance benefits an amount equal
to any unpaid mortgage interest; or

"(B) provide for a modification of the terms of the mortgage for the purpose of recasting, over the remaining term of the mortgage or over such longer period pursuant to guidelines as may be prescribed by the Secretary, the total unpaid amount then due, with the modification to become effective currently or to become effective upon the termination of an agreed-upon extension of the period for curing the default; and the principal amount of the mortgage, as modified, shall be considered the 'original principal amount of the mortgage' as that term is used in this section for the purpose of computing the total amount of insurance benefits.

16 "(7) TERMINATION OF PREMIUM OBLIGATION.—The 17 obligation of the mortgagee to pay the premium charges 18 for insurance shall cease upon fulfillment of the appropriate requirements under which the Secretary may pay 19 insurance benefits, as described in paragraph (1). The 20 21 Secretary may also terminate the mortgagee's obligation 22 to pay mortgage insurance premiums upon receipt of an 23 application filed by the mortgagee for insurance benefits under paragraph (1), or in the event the contract of insurance is terminated pursuant to section 229 of this Act.

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- 1 "(8) Relationship to Section 230.—Nothing in
- 2 this section shall limit the authority of the Secretary to
- 3 pay insurance benefits under section 230 of this Act.".
- 4 (b) Effective Date.—The Secretary shall publish
- 5 a notice in the Federal Register stating the effective date
- 6 of the terms and conditions prescribed by the Secretary
- 7 under section 204(a)(1) of the National Housing Act, as
- 8 amended by this section. Sections 204(a) and (k) of the
- 9 National Housing Act as they existed immediately prior
- 10 to the effective date of the terms and conditions imple-
- 11 menting the amendment to subsection (a) made by this
- 12 Act shall continue to apply to any mortgage insured under
- 13 section 203 of the National Housing Act insured prior to
- 14 such date, except that the Secretary is authorized, at the
- 15 request of the mortgagee, to pay insurance benefits as pro-
- 16 vided in sections 204(a)(1)(A) and (D) of such Act and
- 17 to calculate insurance benefits in accordance with section
- 18 204(a)(6) of such Act.
- 19 (c) REDUNDANT PROVISION REPEALED.—Section
- 20 204(k) of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1710(k))
- 21 is hereby repealed.
- 22 SEC. 21. SALE OF ACQUIRED PROPERTY.
- 23 (a) AUTHORITY TO SELL.—Section 204(g) of the
- 24 National Housing Act is amended by adding at the end
- 25 the following: "Notwithstanding any other provision of

1	law, the Secretary may sell such property as referenced
2	in the preceding sentence on such terms and conditions
3	as the Secretary may prescribe.".
4	(b) Authority To Insure Mortgage.—Section
5	223(c) of the National Housing Act is amended by insert-
6	ing after "sale by him" the following: ", including a sale
7	through another entity under authority of the fourth sen-
8	tence of section 204(g),".
9	TITLE III—STREAMLINING PROPOSALS
10	SEC. 30. AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH LOAN TO VALUE RA-
11	TIOS AND RELATED CHANGES TO WARRANTY
12	REQUIREMENT.
13	(a) Changes to Eligibility for Mortgage In-
14	Surance.—Section 203(b) of the National Housing Act
15	(12 U.S.C. 1709(b)) is amended—
16	(1) in paragraph (2), by striking subparagraph
17	(B), including all of the matter following subpara-
18	graph (B), and inserting in lieu thereof the follow-
19	ing:
20	"(B) not to exceed an amount prescribed
21	by the Secretary on the basis of the appraised
22	value of the property.
23	For purposes of this subsection, the term 'appraised
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	value' means the amount set forth in the written

1	amount determined by the Secretary if section 226
2	does not apply."; and
3	(2) by revising paragraph (8) to read as follows:
4	"(8) Be limited to a residence for which the
5	purchaser or owner has received a construction war-
6	ranty from the seller or builder that is satisfactory
7	to the Secretary, whenever such a warranty is re-
8	quired by the Secretary, unless the residence was
9	completed more than one year prior to the applica-
10	tion for insurance.".
11	(b) Repeal of Section 801 Warranty Require-
12	MENT.—Section 801 of the Housing Act of 1954 (12
13	U.S.C. 1701j–1) is hereby repealed.
14	SEC. 31. DELEGATION OF INSURING AUTHORITY TO DIRECT
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15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23	ENDORSEMENT MORTGAGEES. The National Housing Act, as amended by section 11 of this Act, is further amended by adding the following new section at the end of title II: "DELEGATION OF INSURING AUTHORITY TO DIRECT ENDORSEMENT MORTGAGEES "Sec. 257. The Secretary may delegate, to one or more mortgagees approved by the Secretary under the direct endorsement program, the authority of the Secretary

- 1 whether to delegate such authority to a mortgagee, the
- 2 Secretary shall take into account the experience and per-
- 3 formance of the mortgagee under the direct endorsement
- 4 program, the default rate of insured mortgages it has
- 5 originated compared to the default rate of all insured
- 6 mortgages in comparable markets, and such other factors
- 7 as the Secretary determines appropriate to minimize risk
- 8 of loss to the insurance funds under this Act.
- 9 "(b) If the Secretary determines that a mortgage in-
- 10 sured by a mortgagee pursuant to a delegation of author-
- 11 ity under this section was not originated in accordance
- 12 with the requirements of the Secretary, and the Secretary
- 13 pays an insurance claim with respect to the mortgage
- 14 within a reasonable period specified by the Secretary, the
- 15 Secretary may require the mortgagee approved under this
- 16 section to indemnify the Secretary for the loss. However,
- 17 if fraud or misrepresentation was involved in connection
- 18 with the origination, the Secretary may require the mort-
- 19 gagee approved under this section to indemnify the Sec-
- 20 retary for the loss regardless of when an insurance claim
- 21 is paid.
- 22 "(c) For a violation of requirements and procedures
- 23 established by the Secretary or for other good cause, the
- 24 Secretary may cancel a delegation of authority under this
- 25 section by giving notice to the mortgagee. The cancellation

- 1 shall be effective upon receipt of the notice by the mortga-
- 2 gee or at a later date specified by the Secretary. A decision
- 3 by the Secretary to cancel a delegation shall be final and
- 4 conclusive and shall not be subject to judicial review.
- 5 "(d) Before approving a delegation under this sec-
- 6 tion, the Secretary shall establish appropriate require-
- 7 ments and procedures, including requirements and proce-
- 8 dures governing the indemnification of the Secretary by
- 9 the mortgagee.".
- 10 SEC. 32. AUTHORITY TO USE AMOUNTS BORROWED FROM
- 11 FAMILY MEMBERS FOR DOWNPAYMENTS.
- 12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 203(b)(9) of the National
- 13 Housing Act is amended by inserting before the period at
- 14 the end the following: ": Provided further, That for the
- 15 purposes of this paragraph, the Secretary shall consider
- 16 as cash or its equivalent any amounts borrowed from a
- 17 family member (as such term is defined in section 201)".
- 18 (b) Definition of Family Member.—Section 201
- 19 of the National Housing Act is amended by adding at the
- 20 end the following new subsections:
- 21 "(e) The term 'family member' means, with respect
- 22 to a mortgagor under such section, a child, parent, or
- 23 grandparent of the mortgagor (or the mortgagor's
- 24 spouse). In determining whether any of the relationships
- 25 referred to in the preceding sentence exist, a legally adopt-

- 1 ed son or daughter of an individual (and a child who is
- 2 a member of an individual's household, if placed with such
- 3 individual by an authorized placement agency for legal
- 4 adoption by such individual), and a foster child of an indi-
- 5 vidual, shall be treated as a child of such individual by
- 6 blood.
- 7 "(f) The term 'child' means, with respect to a mort-
- 8 gagor under such section, a son, stepson, daughter, or
- 9 stepdaughter of such mortgagor.".
- 10 SEC. 33. HECM PROGRAM.
- 11 (a) Removal of Certain Limitations on the In-
- 12 SURANCE OF HOME EQUITY CONVERSION MORTGAGES.—
- 13 Section 255(g) of the National Housing Act is amended
- 14 by striking the first and second sentences.
- 15 (b) Permit Mortgagee to Arrange for
- 16 Consumer Education.—Section 255 of such Act, as
- 17 amended by this section, is further amended—
- 18 (1) by revising subsection (d)(2)(B) to read as
- 19 follows:
- 20 "(B) has received adequate consumer edu-
- cation by a third party as provided in sub-
- section (f); and";
- 23 (2) by revising subsection (e)(1) to read as fol-
- 24 lows:

"(1) no later than the time of the loan application, a disclosure form developed by the Secretary and information regarding sources of the consumer deducation required in subsection (d)(2)(B);".

(3) in subsection (f)—

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- (A) by revising the first sentence to read as follows: "The Secretary shall provide or cause to be provided the consumer education required in subsection (d)(2)(B) and shall set standards for providers of consumer education to the extent considered necessary by the Secretary."; and
- 13 (B) by inserting after paragraph (5) the 14 following new sentence:
- 15 "Nothing in this section shall prevent the mortgagee from
- 16 requiring the mortgagor to provide reasonable compensa-
- 17 tion to the party that provided the consumer education
- 18 required in subsection (d)(2)(B), including reimbursement
- 19 from proceeds of the mortgage, as long as no payment
- 20 or other thing of value is given in violation of section 8
- 21 of the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act."
- (c) Other Approaches to Consumer Edu-
- 23 CATION.—The Secretary shall consult with consumer
- 24 groups, industry representatives, representatives of coun-
- 25 seling organizations, and other interested parties to iden-

- 1 tify approaches to consumer education other than the re-
- 2 quirements of section 255 of the National Housing Act
- 3 that may be feasible and desirable for home equity conver-
- 4 sion mortgages insured under section 255 and other types
- 5 of reverse mortgages. The Secretary may adopt, in lieu
- 6 of the consumer education required by section 255(f) of
- 7 the National Housing Act as amended by this section, al-
- 8 ternative approaches to consumer education that may be
- 9 developed as a result of such consultations.
- 10 (d) Technical Amendments.—Section 255 of such
- 11 Act, as amended by this section, is further amended—
- 12 (1) by striking "Demonstration" from the
- title;
- 14 (2) in subsection (a), by striking "demonstra-
- tion"; and
- 16 (3) in subsection (k)(4), by striking "dem-
- onstration" and inserting in lieu thereof "program".
- 18 SEC. 34. 100 PERCENT CONDOMINIUM MORTGAGE INSUR-
- 19 ANCE FOR DISASTERS.
- The third sentence of section 234(c) of the National
- 21 Housing Act is amended by inserting after "203(b)(2)"
- 22 the following: "or pursuant to section 203(h) under the
- 23 conditions described in section 203(h)".

1 SEC. 35. REPEAL OF PROVISION FOR FUND PAYMENTS TO

- 2 CORRECT SUBSTANTIAL DEFECTS.
- 3 Section 518 of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C.
- 4 1735b) is hereby repealed.

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