

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3897

To amend section 12 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 to treat income changes resulting from welfare program requirements for families residing in housing receiving project-based subsidies under section 8 of such Act similarly to such changes for families residing in public housing or receiving tenant-based assistance under such section.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 21, 2009

Mr. GALLEGLY (for himself and Mr. LAMBORN) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Financial 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 “Removing Reward for
5 Section 8 Fraud Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. TREATMENT OF INCOME CHANGES RESULTING**
2 **FROM WELFARE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.**

3 Section 12 of the United States Housing Act of 1937
4 (42 U.S.C. 1437j) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (d)—

6 (A) in paragraph (1)(B), by inserting “or
7 in a dwelling unit covered by a contract for
8 project-based assistance under section 8” after
9 “public housing dwelling unit”;

10 (B) in paragraph (4), by inserting “or, in
11 the case of a family residing in a dwelling unit
12 assisted with project-based assistance, the con-
13 tract administrator for the contract for such as-
14 sistance,” after “on behalf of the family”;

15 (C) in paragraph (5), by inserting before
16 the period at the end the following: “or to au-
17 thorize the Secretary or any public housing
18 agency to establish any time limit on tenancy in
19 a dwelling unit covered by a contract for
20 project-based assistance under section 8”; and

21 (D) in paragraph (7)—

22 (i) in subparagraph (A)—

23 (I) by inserting “and the contract
24 administrator for a contract for
25 project-based assistance under section

1 8” before “shall make its best ef-
2 forts”; and

3 (II) by inserting “, contract ad-
4 ministrator,” after “assist a public
5 housing agency”; and

6 (ii) in subparagraph (B)—

7 (I) by inserting “or contract ad-
8 ministrator” after “A public housing
9 agency”; and

10 (II) by inserting “, or to families
11 residing in a dwelling unit assisted
12 with project-based assistance under
13 section 8, respectively,” after “section
14 8,”;

15 (2) in subsection (e), by adding after the period
16 at the end the following: “A contract administrator
17 shall incorporate into housing assistance payments
18 contracts for project-based assistance under section
19 8 provisions incorporating the conditions under sub-
20 section (d).”;

21 (3) in subsection (f)—

22 (A) by inserting “or in a dwelling unit cov-
23 ered by a contract for project-based assistance
24 under section 8” after “resides in public hous-
25 ing”; and

1 (B) by inserting “or contract adminis-
2 trator, as appropriate” after “a public housing
3 agency”; and

4 (4) in subsection (g), by striking the subsection
5 designation and all that follows through “the term”
6 and inserting the following:

7 “(g) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section, the
8 following definitions shall apply:

9 “(1) CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR.—The term
10 ‘contract administrator’ means, with respect to
11 project-based assistance under section 8 for a hous-
12 ing project, the entity that enters into the housing
13 assistance payments contract with the owner of the
14 project, which may be a public housing agency or
15 the Secretary.

16 “(2) ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY PRO-
17 GRAM.—The term”.

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