111TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

H. R. 5601

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

June 24, 2010

Mr. Putnam (for himself and Mr. Miller of Florida) 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 "Gulf Coast Home-
- 5 owners Relief Act of 2010".

1 SEC. 2. SPECIAL FORBEARANCE FOR FHA MORTGAGORS.

- 2 The provisions of Mortgagee Letter 2002–17 of the
- 3 Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (regarding
- 4 "Special Forbearance: Program Changes and Updates")
- 5 relating to Type I Special Forbearance shall apply, until
- 6 the conclusion of fiscal year 2011 and may not be revoked,
- 7 annulled, repealed, or rescinded during such period, with
- 8 respect to mortgages of mortgages that are insured under
- 9 title II of the National Housing Act, are secured by one-
- 10 to four-family dwellings, and have mortgagors who, as a
- 11 result of the explosion on and sinking of the mobile off-
- 12 shore drilling unit Deepwater Horizon, the discharge of
- 13 oil in the Gulf of Mexico caused by such explosion and
- 14 sinking, or the effects of such discharge on the economy
- 15 in the areas affected by such discharge, have suffered a
- 16 loss of income or an increase in living expenses.
- 17 SEC. 3. SHORT- AND LONG-TERM PLANS TO ASSIST AF-
- 18 FECTED HOMEOWNERS.
- 19 (a) Short-term Plan.—Not later than the expira-
- 20 tion of the 15-day period beginning on the date of the en-
- 21 actment of this Act, the Secretary of Housing and Urban
- 22 Development shall develop and submit to the Congress a
- 23 list of programs and resources administered by the Sec-
- 24 retary that will be made immediately available to assist
- 25 homeowners of one- to four-family dwelling, and commu-
- 26 nities that have suffered negative economic consequences

- 1 as a result of the explosion on and sinking of the mobile
- 2 offshore drilling unit Deepwater Horizon or the discharge
- 3 of oil in the Gulf of Mexico caused by such explosion and
- 4 sinking.
- 5 (b) Long-term Plan.—Not later than the expira-
- 6 tion of the 45-day period beginning on the date of the en-
- 7 actment of this Act, the Secretary of Housing and Urban
- 8 Development shall develop and submit to the Congress a
- 9 long-term plan to assist homeowners of one- to four-family
- 10 dwellings, and communities, that have suffered negative
- 11 economic consequences as a result of the explosion on and
- 12 sinking of the mobile offshore drilling unit Deepwater Ho-
- 13 rizon or the discharge of oil in the Gulf of Mexico caused
- 14 by such explosion and sinking. Such plan shall identify
- 15 available programs and resources administered by the Sec-
- 16 retary under which such assistance will be provided, any
- 17 actions the Secretary will take to provide such assistance,
- 18 any recommendations for legislative changes necessary to
- 19 carry out such plan, and any recommendations for stream-
- 20 lining existing programs to facilitate more targeted or ex-
- 21 pedited assistance to homeowners and communities so af-
- 22 fected.