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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia (for himself and Mr. DUFFY) 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 “Fair Flood Insurance
5 Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. MONTHLY INSTALLMENT PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS.**

7 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—Subsection (g) of section 1308 of
8 the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C.
9 4015(g)) is amended—

1 (1) by striking the subsection designation and
2 all that follows through “With respect” and insert-
3 ing the following:

4 “(g) FREQUENCY OF PREMIUM COLLECTION.—

5 “(1) OPTIONS.—With respect”; and

6 (2) by adding at the end the following:

7 “(2) MONTHLY INSTALLMENT PAYMENT OF
8 PREMIUMS.—

9 “(A) EXEMPTION FROM RULEMAKING.—

10 Until such time as the Administrator promul-
11 gates regulations implementing paragraph (1)
12 of this subsection, the Administrator may adopt
13 policies and procedures, notwithstanding any
14 other provisions of law and in alignment and
15 consistent with existing industry escrow and
16 servicing standards, necessary to implement
17 such paragraph without undergoing notice and
18 comment rulemaking and without conducting
19 regulatory analyses otherwise required by stat-
20 ute, regulation, or Executive order.

21 “(B) PILOT PROGRAM.—The Adminis-
22 trator may initially implement paragraph (1) of
23 this subsection as a pilot program that provides
24 for a gradual phase-in of implementation.

1 “(C) POLICYHOLDER PROTECTION.—The
2 Administrator may—

3 “(i) during the 12-month period be-
4 ginning on the date of the enactment of
5 this paragraph, charge policyholders choos-
6 ing to pay premiums in monthly install-
7 ments a fee for the total cost of the month-
8 ly collection of premiums not to exceed \$25
9 annually; and

10 “(ii) after the expiration of the 12-
11 month period referred to in clause (i), ad-
12 just the fee charged annually to cover the
13 total cost of the monthly collection of pre-
14 miums as determined by the report sub-
15 mitted pursuant to subparagraph (D).

16 “(D) REPORT.—Not later than six months
17 after the date of the enactment of this para-
18 graph, the Comptroller General shall submit a
19 report to the Committee on Financial Services
20 of the House of Representatives and the Com-
21 mittee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
22 of the Senate, that sets forth all of the costs as-
23 sociated with the monthly payment of pre-
24 miums, including any up-front costs associated
25 with infrastructure development, the impact on

1 all policyholders including those that exercise
2 the option to pay monthly and those that do
3 not, options for minimizing the costs, particu-
4 larly the costs to policyholders, and the feasi-
5 bility of adopting practices that serve to mini-
6 mize costs to policyholders such as automatic
7 payments and electronic payments.

8 “(E) ANNUAL REPORTS.—On an annual
9 basis, the Administrator shall report to the
10 Committee on Financial Services of the House
11 of Representatives and the Committee on Bank-
12 ing, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate
13 the ongoing costs associated with the monthly
14 payment of premiums.”.

15 (b) IMPLEMENTATION.—Clause (ii) of section
16 1307(a)(1)(B) (42 U.S.C. 4014(a)(1)(B)(ii)) is amended
17 by inserting before “any administrative expenses” the fol-
18 lowing: “the costs associated with the monthly collection
19 of premiums provided for in section 1308(g) (42 U.S.C.
20 4015(g)), but only if such costs exceed the operating costs
21 and allowances set forth in clause (i) of this subparagraph,
22 and”.

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