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H. R. 3619

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 5, 2019

Mr. CLAY 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Appraisal Reform Act
3 of 2019”.

4 **SEC. 2. ANNUAL REGISTRY FEES FOR APPRAISAL MANAGE-
5 MENT COMPANIES.**

6 Subparagraph (B) of section 1109(a)(4) of the Fi-
7 nancial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement
8 Act of 1989 (12 U.S.C. 3338(a)(4)(B)) is amended—

9 (1) in clause (ii), by striking the period at the
10 end and inserting a semicolon; and

11 (2) by inserting after and below clause (ii) the
12 following:

13 “except that if the Appraisal Subcommittee de-
14 termines that the fees established under clause
15 (i) or (ii) result in adverse consequences or are
16 otherwise not appropriately tailored to meet the
17 goals of this paragraph, the Appraisal Sub-
18 committee may establish a new formula for
19 fees, which new formula may not take effect
20 until the Appraisal Subcommittee submits a re-
21 port to the Congress justifying its decision to
22 establish such a new formula, setting forth the
23 new formula, and explaining how the new for-
24 mula will affect such fees.”.

1 **SEC. 3. TRAINEE APPRAISERS.**

2 (a) MAINTENANCE ON NATIONAL REGISTRY.—Para-
3 graph (3) of section 1103(a) of the Financial Institutions
4 Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989 (12
5 U.S.C. 3332(a)(3)) is amended by striking “and licensed”
6 and inserting “, licensed, and trainee”.

7 (b) ANNUAL REGISTRY FEES.—Subparagraph (A) of
8 section 1109(a)(4) of the Financial Institutions Reform,
9 Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989 (12 U.S.C.
10 3338(a)(4)(A)) is amended—

11 (1) by inserting “including trainee appraisers,”
12 after “transactions,”;

13 (2) by inserting “except that the Appraisal Sub-
14 committee may, in its discretion, charge a fee for
15 trainee appraisers not exceeding \$20” after “\$40,”;
16 and

17 (3) by inserting before the semicolon the fol-
18 lowing: “; except that nothing in this subparagraph
19 may be construed to require a State to establish or
20 operate an program for trainee appraisers”.

21 (c) DEFINITION.—Section 1121 of the Financial In-
22 stitutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of
23 1989 (12 U.S.C. 3350) is amended by adding at the end
24 the following new paragraph:

25 “(12) TRAINEE APPRAISER.—The term ‘trainee
26 appraiser’ means an individual who meets the min-

1 imum criteria established by the Appraiser Qualifica-
2 tion Board for a trainee appraiser license and is
3 credentialed by a State appraiser certifying and li-
4 censing agency.”.

5 **SEC. 4. GRANTS TO NONPROFITS AND INSTITUTIONS OF**
6 **HIGHER EDUCATION FOR COMPLIANCE EF-**
7 **FORTS.**

8 Paragraph (5) of section 1109(b) of the Financial In-
9 stitutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of
10 1989 (12 U.S.C. 3338(b)(5)) is amended by inserting
11 “nonprofit organizations, and institutions of higher edu-
12 cation” after “licensing agencies,”.

13 **SEC. 5. REQUIREMENT TO DISCLOSE APPRAISAL FEES.**

14 Section 4(c) of the Real Estate Settlement Proce-
15 dures Act of 1974 (12 U.S.C. 2603(c)) is amended by
16 striking “may” and inserting “shall”.

17 **SEC. 6. INCLUSION OF DESIGNEE OF SECRETARY OF VET-**
18 **ERANS AFFAIRS ON APPRAISAL SUB-**
19 **COMMITTEE.**

20 The first sentence of section 1011 of the Federal Fi-
21 nancial Institutions Examination Council Act of 1978 (12
22 U.S.C. 3310) is amended by inserting “the Department
23 of Veterans Affairs,” after “Protection,”.

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