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H. R. 5402

To direct the Secretary of Defense to implement a record of housing history for members of the Armed Forces who reside in housing provided by the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 28, 2021

Ms. SHERRILL (for herself and Mrs. BICE of Oklahoma) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

To direct the Secretary of Defense to implement a record of housing history for members of the Armed Forces who reside in housing provided by the United States.

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 at the “Veteran’s Electronic
5 Transcript of Residency for Entering New Tenancies Act”
6 or the “VET RENT Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF HOUSING HISTORY FOR MEM-**
2 **BERS OF THE ARMED FORCES WHO RESIDE**
3 **IN HOUSING PROVIDED BY THE UNITED**
4 **STATES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than September 30,
6 2022, the Secretary of Defense shall establish and imple-
7 ment a standard record of housing history for members
8 of the Armed Forces who reside in covered housing.

9 (b) CONTENTS.—A record under this section shall in-
10 clude, with regards to each period during which the mem-
11 ber concerned resided in covered housing, the following:

12 (1) The assessment of the commander of the
13 military installation in which such housing is lo-
14 cated, of the condition of such covered housing—

15 (A) prior to the beginning of such period;

16 and

17 (B) in which the member concerned left
18 such covered housing upon vacating such cov-
19 ered housing.

20 (2) Contact information a housing provider may
21 use to inquire about a record under this section.

22 (c) ONLINE ACCESS.—The Secretary concerned shall
23 maintain a website through which a member of the Armed
24 Forces under the jurisdiction of such Secretary may access
25 the record under this section of such member.

1 (d) ISSUANCE.—The Secretary concerned shall issue
2 a copy of a record under this section to the member con-
3 cerned upon the separation, retirement, discharge, or dis-
4 missal of such member from the Armed Forces, with the
5 DD Form 214 for such member.

6 (e) COVERED HOUSING DEFINED.—In this section,
7 the term “covered housing” means housing provided by
8 the United States to a member of the Armed Forces.

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