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H. R. 5556

To require the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to provide a disclosure notice to homebuyers of properties owned by the Department of Housing and Urban Development that are located in special flood hazard areas, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DIAZ-BALART (for himself, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. WALTZ, Mrs. MURPHY of Florida, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. LAWSON of Florida, Mr. GARBARINO, Mrs. HINSON, Mrs. DEMINGS, and Ms. SALAZAR) 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 “Flood Risk Trans-
5 parency for Homebuyers Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-
4 trator” means the Administrator of the Federal
5 Emergency Management Agency.

6 (2) COVERED PROPERTY.—The term “covered
7 property” means a 1-to-4 unit residential property—

8 (A) acquired by the Department as a re-
9 sult of a foreclosure action on a mortgage in-
10 sured by the Federal Housing Administration
11 under title II of the National Housing Act (12
12 U.S.C. 1707 et seq.); and

13 (B) located in a special flood hazard area
14 according to a flood hazard boundary map or
15 flood insurance rate map issued by the Admin-
16 istration.

17 (3) DEPARTMENT.—The term “Department”
18 means the Department of Housing and Urban De-
19 velopment.

20 (4) NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM.—
21 The term “National Flood Insurance Program”
22 means the program established under the National
23 Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4001 et
24 seq.).

25 (5) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
26 the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

1 (6) SEVERE REPETITIVE LOSS PROPERTY.—The
2 term “severe repetitive loss property” has the mean-
3 ing given the term in section 1307(h) of the Na-
4 tional Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C.
5 4014(h)).

6 **SEC. 3. REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE DISCLOSURE TO**
7 **HOMEBUYERS OF PROPERTIES LOCATED IN**
8 **SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—When listing a covered property
10 for sale by the Department, the Secretary shall provide
11 a disclosure notice that includes—

12 (1) the estimated monthly cost of insurance for
13 the covered property under the National Flood In-
14 surance Program for the zip code in which the cov-
15 ered property is located; and

16 (2) whether the covered property is a severe re-
17 petitive loss property.

18 (b) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after
19 the date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter,
20 the Secretary and the Administrator shall submit to Con-
21 gress a joint report on covered properties sold by the De-
22 partment for which claims were filed under the National
23 Flood Insurance Program during the year covered by the

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- 1 report, including whether the covered property is a severe
- 2 repetitive loss property.

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