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H. R. 7564

To direct the Secretary of Defense and Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to take certain actions regarding the housing shortage for members of the Armed Forces.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. STRICKLAND (for herself, Mr. CARSON, and Mr. BROWN of Maryland) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To direct the Secretary of Defense and Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to take certain actions regarding the housing shortage for members of the Armed Forces.

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 “Building More Hous-
5 ing for Servicemembers Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. RESPONSES TO THE HOUSING SHORTAGE FOR**
2 **MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

3 (a) REPORT ON HOUSING SHORTAGE FOR MEMBERS
4 OF THE ARMED FORCES.—Not later than one year after
5 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
6 Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Serv-
7 ices of the Senate and House of Representatives a report
8 on the housing shortage for members of the Armed
9 Forces. Such report shall include the following elements:

10 (1) The determination of the Secretary regard-
11 ing the feasibility of acquiring real property near
12 military installations that face housing shortages, to
13 be used for the development of privatized housing.

14 (2) The determination of the Secretary regard-
15 ing the need for an officer or civilian employee of the
16 Department of Defense to serve, at each military in-
17 stallation, as a housing manager.

18 (b) GUIDANCE TO LANDLORDS OF PRIVATIZED
19 HOUSING.—Not later than one year after the date of the
20 enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall prescribe guid-
21 ance for eligible entities and landlords regarding accept-
22 able housing standards for privatized housing.

23 (c) AUTHORIZATIONS.—

24 (1) PILOT PROGRAM ON USING RENTAL PART-
25 NERSHIP PROGRAMS OF THE ARMED FORCES TO AS-
26 SURE TENANTS FOR DEVELOPERS OF PRIVATIZED

1 HOUSING.—Not later than 180 days after the date
2 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of De-
3 fense shall establish a pilot program to assess the
4 feasibility of using the rental partnership programs
5 of the Armed Forces to assure tenants for eligible
6 entities to secure financing to construct privatized
7 housing.

8 (A) LOCATIONS.—The Secretary shall op-
9 erate the pilot program in no more than 10
10 military housing areas that each have a rental
11 vacancy rate of less than 7 percent.

12 (B) TERM.—The pilot program shall ter-
13 minate on the date that is five years after the
14 Secretary establishes the pilot program.

15 (C) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days
16 after the termination of the pilot program, the
17 Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on
18 the results of the pilot program.

19 (2) JOINT PILOT PROGRAM ON FINANCIAL IN-
20 CENTIVES FOR DEVELOPERS OF PRIVATIZED HOUS-
21 ING.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the
22 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in
23 coordination with the Secretary of Housing and
24 Urban Development, shall develop a pilot program to
25 provide financial incentives to eligible entities to

1 build privatized housing, or to purchase or lease ex-
2 isting facilities, to house members of the Armed
3 Forces and their dependents, and low-income indi-
4 viduals and families, as determined by the Secretary
5 of Housing and Urban Development.

6 (A) ELIGIBLE PROJECTS.—In order to be
7 eligible for an incentive under the pilot pro-
8 gram, proposed privatized housing shall ensure
9 that a percentage of such housing is reserved
10 for members of the Armed Forces and depend-
11 ents of such members. Such percentage shall
12 vary proportionately to the value of the incen-
13 tive.

14 (B) LOCATIONS.—The Secretaries shall op-
15 erate the pilot program in areas that have the
16 longest wait times for on-base housing.

17 (C) PRIORITY.—In selecting eligible enti-
18 ties, the Secretaries shall give priority to entry-
19 level housing and projects with greater density.

20 (D) TERM.—The pilot program shall ter-
21minate on the date that is five years after the
22 Secretary establishes the pilot program.

23 (E) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days
24 after the termination of the pilot program, the

1 Secretaries shall submit to Congress a report on
2 the results of the pilot program.

3 (3) JOINT GRANT PROGRAM.—The Secretary of
4 Defense and Secretary of Housing and Urban Devel-
5 opment may jointly operate a grant program
6 through the Office of Local Defense Community Co-
7 operation to build housing for members of the
8 Armed Forces and their dependents, and low-income
9 individuals and families. Household income limits for
10 entities eligible to receive such a grant shall not dif-
11 fer based on whether a household includes a member
12 of the Armed Forces.

13 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 (1) The terms “eligible entity” and “landlord”
15 have the meanings given such terms in section 2871
16 of title 10, United States Code.

17 (2) The term “privatized housing” means hous-
18 ing under subchapter IV of chapter 169 of such
19 title.

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