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H. R. 8624

To require the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and the Secretary of Agriculture to withdraw a final determination relating to energy efficiency standards for housing, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BIGGS (for himself, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. OGLES, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. ROSENDALE, and Mr. DONALDS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, 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

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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 “Helping Owners with
5 Unaffordable Shoddy Edicts Act of 2024” or the
6 “HOUSE Act of 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. ENERGY EFFICIENCY STANDARDS FOR HOUSING.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Housing and
3 Urban Development and the Secretary of Agriculture—

4 (1) shall withdraw the final determination an-
5 nounced in the notice of final determination entitled
6 “Adoption of Energy Efficiency Standards for New
7 Construction of HUD- and USDA-Financed Hous-
8 ing” (89 Fed. Reg. 33112);

9 (2) may not take any action or use any Federal
10 funds to implement or enforce the final determina-
11 tion described in paragraph (1) or any substantially
12 similar final determination; and

13 (3) shall revert energy efficiency standards for
14 covered programs under such final determination to
15 the energy efficiency standards required before such
16 final determination.

17 (b) ACTION BY ADDITIONAL AGENCIES.—

18 (1) DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.—
19 The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may not take any
20 action or use any Federal funds to implement or en-
21 force a final determination that is substantially simi-
22 lar to the final determination described in subsection
23 (a)(1).

24 (2) FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY.—
25 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Di-
26 rector of the Federal Housing Finance Agency may

1 not finalize, implement, or enforce a determination
2 or rule relating to energy efficiency standards for
3 single and multifamily housing.

4 (c) CONSIDERATION OF STATE STANDARDS.—Sec-
5 tion 109(d) of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable
6 Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12709(d)) is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “and” at the
8 end;

9 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking the period at
10 the end and inserting “; and”; and

11 (3) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(3) not less than 26 States have adopted an
13 energy efficiency code or standard that meets or ex-
14 ceeds the requirements of the revised code or stand-
15 ard.”.

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