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H. R. 6477

To amend the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act with respect to the eligible activities under the Continuum of Care Program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 4, 2025

Ms. SALINAS (for herself and Ms. NORTON) 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 “Housing to Homes
5 Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES UNDER CON-**
7 **TINUUM OF CARE PROGRAM; REPORT.**

8 (a) AMENDMENTS.—The McKinney-Vento Homeless
9 Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11301 et seq.) is amended—

(1) in section 401, by adding at the end the following:

“(36) FURNITURE BANK.—The term ‘furniture bank’ means a registered charity, non-profit organization, or social enterprise that provides household furnishings to individuals and families who are in need, including homeless individuals and families, at little to no cost to such individuals and families.”; and

(2) in section 423—

(A) in subsection (a)—

(i) by redesignating the second paragraph (13) (relating to projects in rural areas) as paragraph (14); and

(ii) by adding at the end the following:

“(15) Payment to a furniture bank for the costs of providing household furnishings, including delivery, installation, and assembly, for individuals and families who—

“(A) are currently homeless;

“(B) were homeless in the prior six months and are currently residing in permanent housing; or

1 “(C) were homeless and are currently re-
2 siding in permanent supportive housing.”; and

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

4 “(h) OWNERSHIP OF HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS.—
5 With respect to subsection (a)(15), any household fur-
6 nishings provided to an individual or family shall become
7 the sole property of such individual or family.”.

8 (b) REPORT.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years after
10 the date of the enactment of this section, the Sec-
11 retary of Housing and Urban Development shall
12 submit to the Congress a report on the impact of
13 payments to furniture banks for the costs of deliv-
14 ery, installation, and assembly of household fur-
15 nishings for homeless individuals and families, as de-
16 scribed in section 423(a)(15) of the McKinney-Vento
17 Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11383(a)(15)).

18 (2) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection—

19 (A) the term “furniture bank” has the
20 meaning given such term in section 401 of the
21 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42
22 U.S.C. 11360); and

23 (B) the term “homeless” has the meaning
24 given such term in section 103(a) of the

1 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42
2 U.S.C. 11302(a)).

3 (c) REPORT ON FURNITURE POVERTY.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years after
5 the date of the enactment of this section, and annu-
6 ally thereafter, the Secretary of Housing and Urban
7 Development shall publish a report on furniture pov-
8 erty in the United States on a website of the De-
9 partment of Housing and Urban Development, that
10 includes an assessment of—

11 (A) the number of Americans currently ex-
12 perienceing poverty during such year;

13 (B) the impact that furniture poverty has
14 on the likelihood that homeless individuals and
15 families will reenter homelessness; and

16 (C) the impact of payments to furniture
17 banks under section 423(a)(15) of the McKin-
18 ney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act on the
19 number of Americans experiencing furniture
20 poverty.

21 (2) DEFINITION OF FURNITURE POVERTY.—

22 The term “furniture poverty” means the inability to
23 access, afford, or maintain household furniture and
24 goods that are essential for a functional, safe, and
25 healthy home.

1 (d) REPEAL.—This Act and the amendments made
2 by this Act are repealed on the date that is 5 years after
3 the date of the enactment of this Act.

