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To unify and strengthen the health and safety inspection standards for housing assisted under programs of the Departments of Housing and Urban Development and Agriculture, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. AXNE 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 “Safe at Home Act of
5 2022”.

6 **SEC. 2. UNIFORM INSPECTION STANDARDS.**

7 (a) IDENTIFICATION.—Not later than the expiration
8 of the 12-month period beginning on the date of the enact-

1 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Housing and Urban
2 Development and the Secretary of Agriculture shall jointly
3 carry out a review of all Federal and State statutes, regu-
4 lations, guidelines, standards, and other requirements ap-
5 plicable to housing assisted under any programs adminis-
6 tered by the Department of Housing and Urban Develop-
7 ment and the Department of Agriculture, respectively, in-
8 cluding single-family and multifamily housing, that pro-
9 vide for inspections to ensure or promote the safety,
10 healthiness, decency, habitability, sanitariness, or quality
11 of the housing, and shall identify the requirements that
12 are most stringent in providing protection to residents of
13 the housing.

14 (b) UNIFORM STANDARDS.—Not later than the expi-
15 ration of the 12-month period beginning on the date of
16 the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Housing and
17 Urban Development and the Secretary of Agriculture shall
18 jointly issue regulations that, notwithstanding any other
19 provision of law or Federal regulation, apply the require-
20 ments identified pursuant to subsection (a) to all housing
21 assisted under any programs administered by the Depart-
22 ment of Housing and Urban Development and the Depart-
23 ment of Agriculture, with any such variations and exemp-
24 tions as may be necessary to account for differences in
25 types of assisted housing structures. The regulations

1 issued pursuant to this subsection shall take effect upon
2 the expiration of the 6-month period beginning upon
3 issuance of such regulations.

4 (c) COVERED HOUSING.—The term “housing as-
5 sisted under any programs administered the Department
6 of Housing and Urban Development and the Department
7 of Agriculture” includes—

8 (1) public housing, as such term is defined in
9 section 3(b) of the United States Housing Act of
10 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437a(b));

11 (2) housing assisted with project-based assist-
12 ance under section 8 of the United States Housing
13 Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f);

14 (3) housing assisted with tenant-based assist-
15 ance under section 8(o) of the United States Hous-
16 ing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o));

17 (4) housing assisted under section 202 of the
18 Housing Act of 1959 (12 U.S.C. 1701q);

19 (5) housing assisted under section 811 of the
20 Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act
21 (42 U.S.C. 8013);

22 (6) housing assisted under subtitle D of title
23 VIII of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable
24 Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12901 et seq.);

1 (7) housing assisted under the HOME Invest-
2 ment Partnerships Act (42 U.S.C. 12721 et seq.);

3 (8) housing assisted under section 236 of the
4 National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1715z-1);

5 (9) housing assisted under the program under
6 paragraph (3) of section 221(d) of the National
7 Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1715l(d)) that bears inter-
8 est at a rate determined under the proviso under
9 paragraph (5) of such section 221(d);

10 (10) rural housing assisted under section 514,
11 515, 516, 521, 533, 538, or 542 of the Housing Act
12 of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1484, 1485, 1486, 1490a,
13 1490m, 1490p-2, or 1490r); and

14 (11) housing assisted under any other programs
15 administered by the Secretary of Housing and
16 Urban Development or the Secretary of Agriculture,
17 as identified by such Secretaries.

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