

107<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 2589

To amend the Multifamily Assisted Housing Reform and Affordability Act of 1997 to reauthorize the Office of Multifamily Housing Assistance Restructuring, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 23, 2001

Mrs. ROUKEMA (for herself and Mr. FRANK) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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## A BILL

To amend the Multifamily Assisted Housing Reform and Affordability Act of 1997 to reauthorize the Office of Multifamily Housing Assistance Restructuring, and for other purposes.

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 “Office of Multifamily  
5       Housing Assistance Restructuring Extension Act of  
6       2001”.

1 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF OFFICE.**

2 Section 579 of the Multifamily Assisted Housing Re-  
3 form and Affordability Act of 1997 (42 U.S.C. 1437f  
4 note) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “October 1,  
6 2001” and inserting “October 1, 2004”;

7 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “October 1,  
8 2001” and inserting “October 1, 2004”; and

9 (3) in subsection (c), by striking “upon Sep-  
10 tember 30, 2001” and inserting “at the end of Sep-  
11 tember 30, 2004”.

12 **SEC. 3. DIRECTOR.**

13 (a) APPOINTMENT.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 572 of the Multi-  
15 family Assisted Housing Reform and Affordability  
16 Act of 1997 (42 U.S.C. 1437f note) is amended by  
17 striking subsection (a) and inserting the following  
18 new subsection:

19 “(a) APPOINTMENT.—The Office shall be under the  
20 management of a Director, who shall be appointed by the  
21 President from among individuals who are citizens of the  
22 United States and have a demonstrated understanding of  
23 financing and mortgage restructuring for affordable multi-  
24 family housing.”.

25 (2) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by  
26 paragraph (1) shall apply to the first Director of the

1 Office of Multifamily Housing Assistance Restruc-  
2 turing of the Department of Housing and Urban  
3 Development appointed after the date of the enact-  
4 ment of this Act, and any such Director appointed  
5 thereafter.

6 (b) VACANCY.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 572 of the Multi-  
8 family Assisted Housing Reform and Affordability  
9 Act of 1997 (42 U.S.C. 1437f note) is amended by  
10 striking subsection (b) and inserting the following  
11 new subsection:

12 “(b) VACANCY.—A vacancy in the position of Direc-  
13 tor shall be filled by appointment in the manner provided  
14 under subsection (a). The President shall make such an  
15 appointment not later than 60 days after such position  
16 first becomes vacant.”.

17 (2) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by  
18 paragraph (1) shall apply to any vacancy in the posi-  
19 tion of Director of the Office of Multifamily Housing  
20 Assistance Restructuring of the Department of  
21 Housing and Urban Development which occurs or  
22 exists after the date of the enactment of this Act.

23 (c) CLARIFICATION OF DUTIES.—Section 573(b) of  
24 the Multifamily Assisted Housing Reform and Afford-  
25 ability Act of 1997 (42 U.S.C. 1437f note) is amended—

1           (1) by striking “The Director is authorized”  
2           and inserting “The sole duty and responsibility of  
3           the Director shall be”;

4           (2) by striking “law as the Director determines  
5           necessary to carry out such functions” and inserting  
6           “this title as the Director determines necessary to  
7           carry out the program under subtitle A”; and

8           (3) by adding at the end the following new sen-  
9           tence: “Neither the Secretary, nor the Assistant Sec-  
10          retary of the Department of Housing and Urban De-  
11          velopment who is the Federal Housing Commis-  
12          sioner, nor any other officer of such Department  
13          may delegate or assign to the Director any duty or  
14          responsibility other than, or in addition to, the duty  
15          and responsibility of the Director established under  
16          this subsection.”

17 **SEC. 4. OVERSIGHT BY FEDERAL HOUSING COMMISSIONER.**

18          (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 578 of the Multifamily  
19          Assisted Housing Reform and Affordability Act of 1997  
20          (42 U.S.C. 1437f note) is amended to read as follows:

21 **“SEC. 578. OVERSIGHT BY FEDERAL HOUSING COMMIS-**  
22 **SIONER.**

23          “All authority and responsibilities assigned under  
24          this subtitle to the Secretary shall be carried out through  
25          the Assistant Secretary of the Department of Housing and

1 Urban Development who is the Federal Housing Commis-  
2 sioner.”.

3 (b) REPORT.—The second sentence of section 573(b)  
4 of the Multifamily Assisted Housing Reform and Afford-  
5 ability Act of 1997 (42 U.S.C. 1437f note) is amended  
6 by striking “Secretary” and inserting “Assistant Sec-  
7 retary of the Department of Housing and Urban Develop-  
8 ment who is the Federal Housing Commissioner”.

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