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H. R. 5567

To require the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to Congress on plans to expand access to affordable housing for members of the Armed Forces through partnerships with local governments and housing providers, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 26, 2025

Mr. CISNEROS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Armed 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 “Affordable Housing
5 for Our Troops Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. BRIEFING ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR MEM-**
2 **BERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

3 The Secretary of Defense shall provide to Congress
4 a briefing on actions that have been taken and are planned
5 to be taken by the Department of Defense to expand ac-
6 cess to affordable housing for members of the Armed
7 Forces through partnerships with local governments and
8 housing providers. Such briefing shall include—

9 (1) an identification of high cost-of-living loca-
10 tions and rural locations near remote and isolated
11 installations where members of the Armed Forces
12 face the greatest housing affordability challenges;

13 (2) a summary of any current or planned ef-
14 forts between military installations and local munici-
15 palities or housing providers aimed at providing
16 rental relief or lease flexibility for members of the
17 Armed Forces, including any memoranda of under-
18 standing;

19 (3) an identification of existing public-private
20 partnerships or community development initiatives
21 that could be leveraged to support off-installation
22 housing for members of the Armed Forces;

23 (4) an assessment of potential incentives that
24 could be offered by participating landlords or cities,
25 including waived security deposits, lease rates that
26 are below the monthly rate for the basic allowance

1 for housing, application fee discounts, and flexible
2 lease terms;

3 (5) an overview of the efforts of the Depart-
4 ment of Defense to collaborate with local govern-
5 ments and housing developers to incentivize the con-
6 struction of affordable off-installation housing tai-
7 lored to the needs of members of the Armed Forces;
8 and

9 (6) recommendations for any legislative or pol-
10 icy changes needed to enhance local housing partner-
11 ships and reduce housing insecurity for members of
12 the Armed Forces.

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