

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend the National Housing Act to include accessibility improvements in the Rehabilitation Mortgage Insurance Program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. LAWLER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To amend the National Housing Act to include accessibility improvements in the Rehabilitation Mortgage Insurance Program, 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. INCLUSION OF ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS**

4 **IN THE REHABILITATION MORTGAGE INSUR-**
5 **ANCE PROGRAM.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 203(k)(2)(B) of the Na-
7 tional Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1709(k)(2)(B)) is amended
8 by striking the period at the end and inserting “, and ac-

1 cessibility improvements such as zero-step entrances,
2 wider doorways and hallways, lever handles, accessible
3 main-level bathrooms, reinforced walls for grab bars, and
4 any other features that meet recognized accessibility
5 standards (including the ICC A117.1 Standard for Acces-
6 sible and Usable Buildings and Facilities) as determined
7 by the Secretary.”.

8 (b) GUIDANCE, TRAINING, AND REPORT.—Not later
9 than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this section,
10 the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall—

11 (1) update any guidance related to the Rehabili-
12 tation Mortgage Insurance Program to reflect the
13 amendment made by subsection (a);

14 (2) establish a training for consultants and ap-
15 praisers with respect to appropriately valuing the ac-
16 cessibility improvements described in such amend-
17 ment; and

18 (3) submit to the Congress a report which de-
19 scribes the utilization of such Program for such im-
20 provements.