

**Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill HR 4192 With an Amendment**

**(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)**

113<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 4192

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 11, 2014

Mr. ISSA (for himself and Ms. NORTON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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## 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. CLARIFICATION OF RULES APPLYING TO**  
2 **HUMAN OCCUPANCY OF PENTHOUSES IN DIS-**  
3 **TRICT OF COLUMBIA BUILDINGS.**

4 (a) PERMITTING HUMAN OCCUPANCY OF PENT-  
5 HOUSES WITHIN CERTAIN HEIGHT LIMIT.—The eighth  
6 paragraph of section 5 of the Act entitled “An Act to regu-  
7 late the height of buildings in the District of Columbia”,  
8 approved June 1, 1910 (sec. 6–601.05(h), D.C. Official  
9 Code) is amended—

10 (1) by striking “penthouses over elevator  
11 shafts,” and inserting “penthouses,”; and

12 (2) by striking “and no floor or compartment  
13 thereof shall be constructed or used for human occu-  
14 pancy above the top story of the building upon which  
15 such structures are placed” and inserting “and, ex-  
16 cept in the case of a penthouse which is erected to  
17 a height of one story of 20 feet or less above the  
18 level of the roof, no floor or compartment thereof  
19 shall be constructed or used for human occupancy  
20 above the top story of the building upon which such  
21 structures are placed”.

22 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
23 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of the enact-  
24 ment of this Act.