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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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 “Homebuyer Assistance
5 Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. APPRAISAL STANDARDS FOR SINGLE-FAMILY HOUS-**
2 **ING MORTGAGES.**

3 (a) CERTIFICATION OR LICENSING.—Paragraph (5)
4 of section 202(g) of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C.
5 1708(g)) is amended—

6 (1) by striking subparagraph (A) and inserting
7 the following new subparagraph:

8 “(A)(i) in the case of an appraiser for a
9 mortgage for single-family housing, be certified
10 or licensed by the State in which the property
11 to be appraised is located; and

12 “(ii) in the case of an appraiser for a
13 mortgage for multifamily housing, be certified
14 by the State in which the property to be ap-
15 praised is located; and”; and

16 (2) in subparagraph (B), by inserting before
17 the period at the end the following: “, which, in the
18 case of appraisers for any mortgage for single-family
19 housing, shall include completion of a course or sem-
20 inar that consists of not less than 7 hours of train-
21 ing regarding such appraisal requirements that is
22 approved by the Course Approval Program of the
23 Appraiser Qualifications Board of the Appraisal
24 Foundation or a State appraiser certifying and li-
25 censing agency”.

1 (b) COMPLIANCE WITH VERIFIABLE EDUCATION RE-
2 QUIREMENTS; GRANDFATHERING.—Effective beginning
3 on the date of the effectiveness of the mortgagee letter
4 or other guidance issued pursuant to subsection (c) of this
5 section, notwithstanding any choice or approval of any ap-
6 praiser made before such date of enactment, no appraiser
7 may conduct an appraisal for any mortgage for single-
8 family housing insured under title II of the National
9 Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1707 et seq.) unless such ap-
10 praiser is, as of such date of effectiveness, in compliance
11 with—

12 (1) all of the requirements under section
13 202(g)(5) of such Act (12 U.S.C. 1708(g)(5)), as
14 amended by subsection (a) of this section, including
15 the requirement under subparagraph (B) of such
16 section 202(g)(5) (relating to demonstrated
17 verifiable education in appraisal requirements); or

18 (2) all of the requirements under section
19 202(g)(5) of such Act as in effect on the day before
20 the date of the enactment of this Act.

21 (c) IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than the expiration
22 of the 240-day period beginning on the date of the enact-
23 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Housing and Urban
24 Development shall issue a mortgagee letter or other guid-
25 ance that shall—

1 (1) implement the amendments made by sub-
2 section (a) of this section;

3 (2) clearly set forth all of the specific require-
4 ments under section 202(g)(5) of the National
5 Housing Act (as amended by subsection (a) of this
6 section) for approval to conduct appraisals under
7 title II of such Act for mortgages for single-family
8 housing, which shall include—

9 (A) providing that the completion, prior to
10 the effective date of such mortgagee letter or
11 guidance, of training meeting the requirements
12 under subparagraph (B) of such section
13 202(g)(5) (as amended by subsection (a) of this
14 section) shall be considered to fulfill the re-
15 quirement under such subparagraph; and

16 (B) providing a method for appraisers to
17 demonstrate such prior completion; and

18 (3) take effect not later than the expiration of
19 the 180-day period beginning upon issuance of such
20 mortgagee letter or guidance.