H. R. 1690

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. García of Illinois (for himself, Mr. Cunningham, Ms. Moore, Ms. Clarke of New York, Ms. Velázquez, Mr. Sean Patrick Maloney of New York, Mr. Clay, Ms. Tlaib, Mr. Clyburn, Ms. Fudge, Mr. Cohen, and Mr. Rose of New York) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial 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,
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4 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
5 This Act may be cited as the “Safe Housing for Fam-
6 ilies Act of 2019”.

6 SEC. 2. CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS IN FEDERALLY AS-
7 SISTED HOUSING.
8 (a) SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY.—
9 Subsection (j) of section 202 of the Housing Act of 1949
(12 U.S.C. 1701q(j)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(9) CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Each owner of a dwelling unit assisted under this section shall ensure that not less than one carbon monoxide detector is installed per floor in the dwelling unit in accordance with standards and criteria acceptable to the Secretary for the protection of occupants in the dwelling unit.

“(B) REHABILITATION.—Each owner of a dwelling unit assisted under this section that is located in a property that is undergoing or planning a substantial rehabilitation project shall ensure that, during that rehabilitation, not less than one carbon monoxide detector is installed per floor in the dwelling unit in accordance with standards and criteria acceptable to the Secretary for the protection of occupants in the dwelling unit.”.

(b) SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.—Subsection (j) of section 811 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 8013(j)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(7) CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS.—
“(A) IN GENERAL.—Each dwelling unit assisted under this section shall contain not less than one carbon monoxide detector installed per floor of the dwelling unit in accordance with standards and criteria acceptable to the Secretary for the protection of occupants in the dwelling unit.

“(B) REHABILITATION.—Each dwelling unit assisted under this section that is located in a property that is undergoing or planning a substantial rehabilitation project shall, during that rehabilitation, have installed not less than one carbon monoxide detector per floor of the dwelling unit in accordance with standards and criteria acceptable to the Secretary for the protection of occupants in the dwelling unit.”.

(c) PUBLIC HOUSING.—Subsection (a) of section 3 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437a(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(8) CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Each public housing agency shall ensure, for each dwelling unit in public housing owned or operated by the public housing agency, that not less than one carbon monoxide detector is installed per floor in the
dwelling unit in accordance with standards and
criteria acceptable to the Secretary for the pro-
tection of occupants in the dwelling unit.

“(B) REHABILITATION.—With respect to
public housing for which a public housing agen-
cy is undergoing or planning a substantial reha-
bilitation project, the public housing agency
shall ensure that, during that rehabilitation, not
less than one carbon monoxide detector is in-
stalled per floor in each dwelling unit located in
that public housing in accordance with stand-
dards and criteria acceptable to the Secretary for
the protection of occupants in the dwelling
unit.”.

(d) SECTION 8 HOUSING.—Subsection (o) of section
8 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)) is amended by adding at the end
the following:

“(21) CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Each owner of a
dwelling unit receiving tenant-based assistance
or project-based assistance under this sub-
section shall ensure that not less than one car-
bon monoxide detector is installed per floor in
the dwelling unit in accordance with standards
and criteria acceptable to the Secretary for the protection of occupants in the dwelling unit.

“(B) REHABILITATION.—With respect to a property receiving tenant-based assistance or project-based assistance for which the owner is undergoing or planning a substantial rehabilitation project, the owner shall ensure that, during that rehabilitation, not less than one carbon monoxide detector is installed per floor in each dwelling unit assisted in that property in accordance with standards and criteria acceptable to the Secretary for the protection of occupants in the dwelling unit.”.

(e) ADDITIONAL FUNDING.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out the amendments made by this Act $1,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020 through 2029.