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H. R. 235

To provide for a comfortable and safe temperature level in dwelling units receiving certain Federal housing assistance, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 3, 2019

Ms. WILSON of Florida introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

A BILL

To provide for a comfortable and safe temperature level in dwelling units receiving certain Federal housing assistance, 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. COMFORTABLE AND SAFE TEMPERATURE**
4 **LEVEL IN FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING.**

5 (a) PUBLIC HOUSING AND PROJECT-BASED ASSIST-
6 ANCE.—The United States Housing Act of 1937 (42
7 U.S.C. 1437 et seq.) is amended—

8 (1) in section 8(o)(13) (42 U.S.C.
9 1437f(o)(13)), by adding at the end the following:

1 “(P) MAINTAINING TEMPERATURE LEVEL
 2 IN UNITS.—The Secretary may require the
 3 owner of a dwelling unit receiving assistance
 4 under a housing assistance payment contract
 5 under this paragraph to ensure that the dwell-
 6 ing unit maintains a comfortable and safe tem-
 7 perature level ranging from 71 degrees to 81
 8 degrees Fahrenheit.”; and

9 (2) in section 9 (42 U.S.C. 1437g), by adding
 10 at the end the following:

11 “(p) USE OF FUNDS TO MAINTAIN TEMPERATE
 12 LEVEL IN UNITS.—With respect to a public housing
 13 dwelling unit, the Secretary may use amounts in the Cap-
 14 ital Fund or the Operating Fund to ensure that the dwell-
 15 ing unit maintains a comfortable and safe temperature
 16 level ranging from 71 degrees to 81 degrees Fahrenheit.”.

17 (b) SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY.—
 18 Section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959 (12 U.S.C.
 19 1701q) is amended by striking the first and second sub-
 20 sections (m) and inserting the following:

21 “(m) MAINTAINING TEMPERATURE IN UNITS.—The
 22 Secretary may require the owner of housing assisted under
 23 this section to ensure that each unit in that housing main-

- 1 tains a comfortable and safe temperature level ranging
- 2 from 71 degrees to 81 degrees Fahrenheit.”.

