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H. R. 214

To amend the Social Security Act to reinstate requirements regarding Department of Housing and Urban Development access to certain information of State agencies, and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to reveal certain income tax return information to public housing agencies, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 7, 1997

Mr. KNOLLENBERG introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Public Housing Tenant
3 Integrity Act of 1997”.

4 **SEC. 2. REINSTITUTION OF REQUIREMENTS REGARDING**
5 **HUD ACCESS TO CERTAIN INFORMATION OF**
6 **STATE AGENCIES.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (i) of section 303 of
8 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 503(i)) is amended by
9 striking paragraph (5).

10 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
11 this section shall apply to requests for information made
12 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

13 **SEC. 2. DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION BY HUD TO PUBLIC**
14 **HOUSING AGENCIES.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (7) of section 6103(l)
16 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to con-
17 fidentiality and disclosure of returns and return informa-
18 tion) is amended by adding at the end the following new
19 subparagraph:

20 “(E) RETURN INFORMATION FROM DE-
21 PARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOP-
22 MENT.—

23 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of
24 Housing and Urban Development may,
25 upon written request by any public housing
26 agency administering a program described

1 in subparagraph (D)(ix), disclose return
 2 information from returns which have been
 3 disclosed to the Department of Housing
 4 and Urban Development under this para-
 5 graph to such public housing agency.

6 “(ii) RESTRICTION ON DISCLOSURE.—
 7 The Secretary of Housing and Urban De-
 8 velopment shall disclose return information
 9 under this subparagraph only for purposes
 10 of, and to the extent necessary in, deter-
 11 mining eligibility for, or the correct
 12 amount of, benefits under a program re-
 13 ferred to in subparagraph (D)(ix).

14 “(iii) PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY.—For
 15 purposes of this paragraph, the term ‘pub-
 16 lic housing agency’ has the meaning given
 17 such term by section 3(b) of the United
 18 States Housing Act of 1937.”

19 (b) REPEAL OF TERMINATION REGARDING HOUSING
 20 ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.—Subparagraph (D) of section
 21 6103(l)(7) of such Code is amended by striking the last
 22 sentence.

23 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Clause (ix) of sec-
 24 tion 6103(l)(7)(D) of such Code is amended—

1 (1) by inserting “(or, for purposes of subpara-
 2 graph (E), by a public housing agency)” after “Sec-
 3 retary of Housing and Urban Development”, and

4 (2) by inserting “or a public housing agency”
 5 after “Department of Housing and Urban Develop-
 6 ment” the second place that it appears.

7 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 8 this section shall apply to requests for information made
 9 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

10 **SEC. 3. CONSENT TO DISCLOSE INFORMATION AND PRO-**
 11 **TECTIONS AGAINST IMPROPER USE OF IN-**
 12 **FORMATION.**

13 Section 904 of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless
 14 Assistance Amendments Act of 1988 (42 U.S.C. 3544) is
 15 amended—

16 (1) in subsection (b)(3)—

17 (A) by inserting after “participant” the
 18 following: “, and authorizing the Secretary to
 19 release information pursuant to section
 20 6103(l)(7)(E) of such Act with respect to such
 21 applicant or participant,”; and

22 (B) by inserting “or public housing agency
 23 (as applicable)” before “verifying”; and

24 (2) in subsection (c)—

1 (A) in paragraph (2)(A), in the matter
2 preceding clause (i)—

3 (i) by striking “section
4 6103(l)(7)(D)(ix)” and inserting “subpara-
5 graph (D)(ix) or (E) of section
6 6103(l)(7)”;

7 (ii) by striking “or the Secretary of
8 the Treasury” and inserting “, the Sec-
9 retary of the Treasury, or the Secretary of
10 Housing and Urban Development”; and

11 (iii) by inserting “or 6103(l)(7)(E)”
12 after “such section 303(i)”; and

13 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking “section
14 6103(l)(7)(D)(ix)” each place it appears and in-
15 serting “subparagraph (D)(ix) or (E) of section
16 6103(l)(7)”.

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