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To direct the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to carry out a 3 year pilot program to assist law enforcement officers purchasing homes in locally-designated high-crime areas.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Banking and 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER HOMEOWNER-**
4 **SHIP PILOT PROGRAM.**

5 (a) ASSISTANCE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFI-
6 CERS.—For the 3 years following the date of the enact-
7 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Housing and Urban
8 Development shall carry out a pilot program to assist Fed-

1 eral, State, and local law enforcement officers purchasing
2 homes in locally-designated high-crime areas in accordance
3 with this Act.

4 (b) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible for assistance under
5 this Act, a law enforcement officer shall—

6 (1) have completed not less than 6 months of
7 service as a law enforcement officer as of the date
8 that the law enforcement officer applies for such as-
9 sistance; and

10 (2) agree, in writing, to use the residence pur-
11 chased with such assistance as the primary residence
12 of the law enforcement officer for not less than 3
13 years after the date of purchase.

14 (c) MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE.—If a law enforcement
15 officer purchases a home in locally-designated high-crime
16 area and finances such purchase through a mortgage in-
17 sured under title II of the National Housing Act (12
18 U.S.C. 1707 et seq.), notwithstanding any provision of
19 section 203 or any other provision of the National Hous-
20 ing Act, the following shall apply:

21 (1) DOWNPAYMENT.—

22 (A) IN GENERAL.—There shall be no
23 downpayment required if the purchase price of
24 the property is not more than the reasonable

1 value of the property, as determined by the Sec-
2 retary.

3 (B) PURCHASE PRICE EXCEEDS VALUE.—

4 If the purchase price of the property exceeds
5 the reasonable value of the property, as deter-
6 mined by the Secretary, the required downpay-
7 ment shall be the difference between such rea-
8 sonable value and the purchase price.

9 (2) CLOSING COSTS.—The closing costs and
10 origination fee for such mortgage may be included in
11 the loan amount.

12 (3) INSURANCE PREMIUM PAYMENT.—There
13 shall be 1 insurance premium payment due on the
14 mortgage. Such insurance premium payment—

15 (A) shall be equal to 1 percent of the loan
16 amount;

17 (B) shall be due and considered earned by
18 the Secretary at the time of the loan closing;
19 and

20 (C) may be included in the loan amount
21 and paid from the loan proceeds.

22 (d) LOCALLY-DESIGNATED HIGH-CRIME AREA.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—Any unit of local govern-
24 ment may request that the Secretary designate any
25 area within the jurisdiction of that unit of local gov-

1 ernment as a locally-designated high-crime area for
2 purposes of this Act if the proposed area—

3 (A) has a crime rate that is significantly
4 higher than the crime rate of the non-des-
5 ignated area that is within the jurisdiction of
6 the unit of local government; and

7 (B) has a population that is not more than
8 25 percent of the total population of area with-
9 in the jurisdiction of the unit of local govern-
10 ment.

11 (2) DEADLINE FOR CONSIDERATION OF RE-
12 QUEST.—Not later than 60 days after receiving a re-
13 quest under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall ap-
14 prove or disapprove the request.

15 (e) SUNSET.—The Secretary shall not approve any
16 application for assistance under this Act that is received
17 by the Secretary more than 3 years after the date of the
18 enactment of this Act.

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