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H. R. 5134

To amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to authorize appropriations to provide supportive services to older individuals who reside in naturally occurring retirement communities.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DOYLE (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CLAY, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. MASCARA, Mr. NADLER, and Mr. SCHROCK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

A BILL

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 “Naturally Occurring
5 Retirement Community (NORC) Support Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS.**

7 The Older Americans Act of 1995 (42 U.S.C. 3001
8 et seq) is amended—

9 (1) by inserting before section 401 the fol-
10 lowing:

1 **“TITLE IV—RESEARCH, TRAIN-**
2 **ING, AND RELATED MAT-**
3 **TERS”,**

4 and

5 (2) by inserting after section 421 the following:

6 **“SEC. 422. NATURALLY OCCURRING RETIREMENT COMMU-**
7 **NITIES.**

8 “(a) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—The Assistant Sec-
9 retary shall make grants to public and private agencies
10 and organizations to provide comprehensive supportive
11 services to older individuals who reside in noninstitutional
12 residences (excluding residences for which assistance is
13 provided under section 202 of the National Housing Act
14 of 1959 (12 U.S.C. 1701q)) in naturally occurring retire-
15 ment communities, for purposes of enhancing the quality
16 of life of such individuals and reducing the need to institu-
17 tionalize such individuals.

18 “(b) USE OF FUNDS.—In each fiscal year for which
19 funds are appropriated to carry out this section, the As-
20 sistant Secretary shall—

21 (1) make grants to not fewer than 5, and not
22 more than 8, public and private agencies and organi-
23 zations that submit to the Assistant Secretary an
24 application in such form, and containing such infor-
25 mation, as the Assistant Secretary may require by

1 rule, including an assurance that the applicant will
2 use such grant to supplement and not supplant re-
3 sources otherwise available to such applicant to pro-
4 vide supportive services to older individuals; and

5 “(2) give priority to agencies and organizations
6 that provided comprehensive supportive services in
7 fiscal year 2002 to older individuals who resided in
8 noninstitutional residences (excluding residences for
9 which assistance is provided under section 202 of
10 the National Housing Act of 1959 (12 U.S.C.
11 1701q)) in naturally occurring retirement commu-
12 nities, for purposes of enhancing the quality of life
13 of such individuals and reducing the need to institu-
14 tionalize such individuals.

15 “(c) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the
16 term ‘naturally occurring retirement community’ means a
17 geographical area in which not less than 40 percent of the
18 noninstitutional residences are occupied for not less than
19 10 years by heads of households who are older individuals,
20 but does not include residences for which assistance is pro-
21 vided under section 202 of the National Housing Act of
22 1959 (12 U.S.C. 1701q)).

23 “(d) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the 1st
24 fiscal year for which funds are appropriated to carry out
25 this section, the Assistant Secretary shall—

1 “(1) carry out an evaluation of the progress
2 and development of supportive services provided with
3 grants made under this section; and

4 “(2) submit to the Congress a report—

5 “(A) summarizing the results of such eval-
6 uation; and

7 “(B) containing such recommendations as
8 the Assistant Secretary considers to be appro-
9 priate.

10 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
11 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section,
12 \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2003 and such sums as may
13 be necessary for fiscal years 2004, 2005, 2006, and
14 2007.”.

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