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# H. R. 1324

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 18, 2003

Ms. GRANGER (for herself, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. GOODE, and Mr. BOYD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## 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. EMERGENCY ADJUSTMENT IN BASIC ALLOW-**  
2 **ANCE FOR HOUSING RATES.**

3 Section 403(b)(4) of title 37, United States Code, is  
4 amended—

5 (1) by striking “An adjustment” and inserting  
6 “(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B), an  
7 adjustment”; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
9 paragraph:

10 “(B) The Secretary may provide an emergency ad-  
11 justment in the rates of the basic allowance for housing  
12 for a particular military housing area in response to a sud-  
13 den increase in housing costs in the area as a result of  
14 higher charges for utilities or other causes. An adjustment  
15 in the rates of the basic allowance for housing under the  
16 authority of this subparagraph may take effect in advance  
17 of the effective date specified in subparagraph (A), and,  
18 notwithstanding paragraph (6), shall remain in effect for  
19 a period determined by the Secretary, but not to exceed  
20 six months. The Secretary shall provide written notice to  
21 Congress of any rate adjustment made under this sub-  
22 paragraph and the reasons for the adjustment.”.

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