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To provide for renewal of project-based assisted housing contracts at reimbursement levels that are sufficient to sustain operations, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ANDREWS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on 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. EXTENSION OF SECTION 8 CONTRACT RENEW-**
4 **ALS.**

5 (a) RENEWAL OF EXPIRING PROJECT-BASED SEC-
6 TION 8 CONTRACTS.—Section 524 of the Multifamily As-
7 sisted Housing Reform and Affordability Act of 1997 (42
8 U.S.C. 1437f note) is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (a)(4)(A)(iv)—

1 (A) in subclause (I), by inserting “or”
2 after the semicolon;

3 (B) by striking subclause (II); and

4 (C) by redesignating subclause (III) as
5 subclause (II); and

6 (2) by striking paragraph (3) of subsection (b).

7 (b) ADJUSTMENTS FOR COVERED PROJECTS.—

8 (1) RENT DETERMINATION AT INITIAL RE-
9 NEWAL AFTER ENACTMENT.—Upon the first request
10 for renewal of project-based assistance pursuant to
11 section 524 after the date of enactment of this Act
12 by an owner of a covered housing project—

13 (A) the rent levels at which assistance will
14 be provided pursuant to such renewal will be
15 determined as if such renewal were the initial
16 renewal of a contract for assistance under sec-
17 tion 524, as amended by subsection (a) of this
18 section; and

19 (B) solely for purposes of determining the
20 rent levels at which assistance will be provided
21 pursuant to such first renewal after the date of
22 enactment of this Act, in the case of a project
23 for which contract rents were reduced on a
24 prior renewal of an expiring contract pursuant
25 to subsection (b)(3) of section 524, as in effect

1 on the day before the date of enactment of this
2 Act, the contract rent levels in effect imme-
3 diately prior to such first renewal after the date
4 of enactment of this Act shall be considered to
5 be the deemed rent levels described in para-
6 graph (3)(C).

7 (2) RENT ADJUSTMENTS AFTER INITIAL RE-
8 NEWAL AFTER ENACTMENT.—After the first renewal
9 of a contract for assistance of a covered project after
10 the date of enactment of this Act in accordance with
11 paragraph (1) of this subsection, the Secretary shall
12 adjust rents in accordance with section 524(c).

13 (3) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection—

14 (A) references to “section 524” or any
15 subdivision thereof are references to section 524
16 of the Multifamily Assisted Housing Reform
17 and Affordability Act of 1997 (42 U.S.C. 1437f
18 note);

19 (B) the term “covered housing project”
20 means a project that receives project-based as-
21 sistance under section 8 of the United States
22 Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f) which
23 was renewed prior to the date of enactment of
24 this Act pursuant to subsection (b)(3) of sec-

tion 524, as in effect on the day before the date of enactment of this Act;

(C) the term “deemed rent levels” means the contract rent levels in effect immediately prior to the first renewal of assistance pursuant to subsection (b)(3) of section 524, as in effect on the day before the date of enactment of this Act, upon which contract rent levels were reduced, as adjusted by the applicable operating cost adjustment factor established by the Secretary at the date of such renewal and at the date of any subsequent renewal pursuant to subsection (b)(3) of section 524 occurring before the date of enactment of this Act; and

(D) the term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

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