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H. R. 3507

To expand homeownership opportunities in States having high housing costs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SHERMAN (for himself, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. CROWLEY, Mrs. McCARTHY of New York, Mr. WEINER, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. FARR, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mrs. CAPPS, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. LEE, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. HONDA, Mr. LANTOS, and Ms. HARMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

A BILL

To expand homeownership opportunities in States having high housing costs.

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 “Improving Home-

5 ownership Opportunities in High-Cost States Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONFORMING LOAN LIMIT FOR HIGH-COST AREAS.**

2 (a) FANNIE MAE.—Section 302(b)(2) of the Federal
3 National Mortgage Association Charter Act (12 U.S.C.
4 171(b)(2)) is amended—

5 (1) by inserting “(A)” after the paragraph des-
6 ignation;

7 (2) by inserting before the period at the end the
8 following: “and with respect to properties located in
9 any State containing any high-cost metropolitan sta-
10 tistical area (or portion thereof)”; and

11 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
12 paragraph:

13 “(B) For purposes of this paragraph, a metropolitan
14 statistical area is a high-cost metropolitan statistical area
15 for a calendar year and the successive calendar year only
16 if any of applicable quarterly average one-family home
17 prices for such area exceeds the dollar amount limitation
18 otherwise applicable under subparagraph (A) for such cal-
19 endar year for a single-family residence.

20 “(C) For purposes of this paragraph, the applicable
21 quarterly average one-family home prices for a metropoli-
22 tan statistical area for a calendar year are the 4 quarterly
23 average one-family home prices, as follows:

24 (i) The average one-family house price for
25 such area for the third quarter of the preceding cal-
26 endar year, as determined based on the average one-

1 family house price in the monthly survey of all major
2 lenders conducted by the Federal Housing Finance
3 Board.

4 “(ii) The average one-family house price for
5 such area for each of the three calendar quarters
6 preceding the quarter specified in clause (i), as de-
7 termined in the manner provided in clause (i).”.

8 (b) FREDDIE MAC.—Paragraph (2) of section 305(a)
9 of the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation Act (12
10 U.S.C. 1454(a)(2)) is amended—

11 (1) by inserting “(A)” after the paragraph des-
12 ignation;

13 (2) by inserting before the period at the end the
14 following: “and with respect to properties located in
15 any State containing any high-cost metropolitan sta-
16 tistical area (or portion thereof)”; and

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11 “(ii) The average one-family house price for
12 such area for each of the three calendar quarters
13 preceding the quarter specified in clause (i), as de-
14 termined in the manner provided in clause (i).”.

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