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To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow certain modifications to be made to qualified mortgages held by a REMIC or a grantor trust.

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Mr. FOLEY (for himself, Mr. POMEROY, Mr. SHAW, Mr. CANTOR, Mr. TANNER, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. HOLT, and Mr. TERRY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow certain modifications to be made to qualified mortgages held by a REMIC or a grantor trust.

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. CERTAIN MODIFICATIONS PERMITTED TO**
4 **QUALIFIED MORTGAGES HELD BY A REMIC**
5 **OR A GRANTOR TRUST.**

6 (a) QUALIFIED MORTGAGES HELD BY A REMIC.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (3) of section
8 860G(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is

1 amended by adding at the end the following new
2 subparagraph:

3 “(C) QUALIFIED MODIFICATIONS.—

4 “(i) IN GENERAL.—An obligation
5 shall not fail to be treated as a qualified
6 mortgage solely because of a qualified
7 modification of such obligation.

8 “(ii) QUALIFIED MODIFICATION.—For
9 purposes of this section, the term ‘qualified
10 modification’ means, with respect to any
11 obligation, any amendment, waiver, or
12 other modification which is treated as a
13 disposition of such obligation under section
14 1001 if such amendment, waiver or other
15 modification does not—

16 “(I) extend the final maturity
17 date of the obligation,

18 “(II) increase the outstanding
19 principal balance under the obligation
20 (other than the capitalization of ac-
21 crued, unpaid interest),

22 “(III) result in a release of an in-
23 terest in real property securing the
24 obligation such that the obligation is
25 not principally secured by an interest

1 in real property (determined after giving
2 effect to the release), or

3 “(IV) result in an instrument or
4 property right which is not debt for
5 Federal income tax purposes.

6 “(iii) DEFAULTS.—Under regulations
7 prescribed by the Secretary, any amend-
8 ment, waiver, or other modification of an
9 obligation which is in default or with re-
10 spect to which default is reasonably fore-
11 seeable may be treated as a qualified modi-
12 fication for purposes of this section.

13 “(iv) DEFEASANCE WITH GOVERN-
14 MENT SECURITIES.—The requirements of
15 clause (ii)(III) shall be treated as satisfied
16 if, after the release described in such
17 clause, the obligation is principally secured
18 by Government securities and the amend-
19 ment, waiver, or other modification to such
20 obligation satisfies such requirements as
21 the Secretary may prescribe.”.

22 (2) EXCEPTION FROM PROHIBITED TRANS-
23 ACTION RULES.—Subparagraph (A) of section
24 860F(a)(2) of such Code is amended by striking
25 “or” at the end of clause (iii), by striking the period

at the end of clause (iv) and inserting “, or”, and
by adding at the end the following new clause:

“(v) a qualified modification (as defined in section 860G(a)(3)(C)).”.

(3) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(A) Section 860G(a)(3) of such Code is amended—

(i) by redesignating clauses (i) and (ii) of subparagraph (A) as subclauses (I) and (II), respectively,

(ii) by redesignating subparagraphs (A) through (D) as clauses (i) through (iv), respectively,

(iii) by striking “The term” and inserting the following:

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The term”, and

(iv) by striking “For purposes of subparagraph (A)” and inserting the following:

“(B) TENANT-STOCKHOLDERS OF COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATIONS.—For purposes of subparagraph (A)(i)”.

(B) Section 860G(a)(3)(A)(iv) of such Code (as redesignated by subparagraph (A)) is amended—

1 (i) by striking “clauses (i) and (ii) of
 2 subparagraph (A)” and inserting “sub-
 3 clauses (I) and (II) of clause (i)”, and
 4 (ii) by striking “subparagraph (A)
 5 (without regard to such clauses)” and in-
 6 serting “clause (i) (without regard to such
 7 subclauses)”.

8 (b) QUALIFIED MORTGAGES HELD BY A GRANTOR
 9 TRUST.—Section 672 of the Internal Revenue Code of
 10 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new
 11 subsection:

12 “(g) SPECIAL RULE FOR CERTAIN INVESTMENT
 13 TRUSTS.—A grantor shall not fail to be treated as the
 14 owner of any portion of a trust under this subpart solely
 15 because such portion includes one or more obligations with
 16 respect to which a qualified modification (within the mean-
 17 ing of section 860G(a)(3)(C)) has been, or may be, made
 18 under the terms of such trust.”.

19 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 20 this section shall apply to amendments, waivers, and other
 21 modifications made after the date of the enactment of this
 22 Act.

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