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To improve the Federal Housing Administration and to ensure the solvency of the Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund, and for other purposes.

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Mr. Johnson of South Dakota (for himself and Mr. Crapo) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

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Reported by Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, with amendments [Omit the part struck through and insert the part printed in italic]

A BILL

To improve the Federal Housing Administration and to ensure the solvency of the Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund, and for other purposes.

- 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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.
- 4 (a) Short Title.—This Act may be cited as the
- 5 "FHA Solvency Act of 2013".

1 (b) Table of Contents.—The table of contents for this Act is as follows: Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents. Sec. 2. Mortgage insurance premiums. Sec. 3. Prohibition on insuring mortgagors with 2 prior foreclosures. Sec. 34. Indemnification by FHA mortgagees. Sec. 45. Review of mortgagee performance. Sec. 6. Transfer of mortgage servicing duties. Sec. 57. Easing regulatory burdens; resource guide. Sec. 68. Improving underwriting standards. Sec. 79. Ensuring adequate capital levels in the Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund. Sec. 10. Stress testing of the Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund. Sec. 11. Congressional notification of use of certain authorities with respect to the FHA. Sec. 812. Establishment of Deputy Assistant Secretary and Chief Risk Officer of FHA. Sec. 913. Disclosure of events. Sec. 1014. GAO study on disclosures. Sec. 1115. Stabilizing the HECM program. Sec. 16. Principal limit factor for HECM program. Sec. 1217. Publication of final rules relating to limiting seller contributions towards purchase related expenses. Sec. 18. GAO study on FHA loan limits. SEC. 2. MORTGAGE INSURANCE PREMIUMS. 4 (a) In General.—Section 203(c) of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1709(c)) is amended— 6 (1) in paragraph (2)(B)— 7 (A) in the matter preceding clause (i)— (i) by striking "may" and inserting 8 "shall"; 9 (ii) by striking "not exceeding 1.5 10 percent" and inserting "not less than 0.55 11 12 percent"; and

(iii) by inserting "and not exceeding

2.0 percent of such remaining insured

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1	principal balance" before "for the following
2	periods:"; and
3	(B) in clause (ii), by striking "1.55 per-
4	cent" and inserting "2.05 percent"; and
5	(2) by adding at the end the following:
6	"(3) Evaluation of up-front and annual
7	PREMIUMS.—
8	"(A) Annual Review.—The Secretary
9	shall, at least annually, review—
10	"(i) the amount of the annual and up-
11	front premiums collected under this sub-
12	section; and
13	"(ii) the expected losses to the Mutual
14	Mortgage Insurance Fund, as such losses
15	are calculated in the annual independent
16	actuarial study required under section
17	202(a)(4).
18	"(B) REQUIRED ADJUSTMENTS.—Upon
19	completion of the review required under sub-
20	paragraph (A), the Secretary shall, for all mort-
21	gages that are to become an obligation of the
22	Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund after the
23	date that such review is complete, adjust the
24	annual and up-front premiums applied to such
25	mortgages so that the premiums collected over

the life of such mortgages will exceed the expected losses of such mortgages to the Fund plus amounts sufficient to ensure the capital reserve ratio remains at the level required under section 205(f).

- "(C) Rule of construction.—Nothing in this paragraph shall permit or be construed to permit the Secretary to apply different premium rates to the same mortgage product during the same time period based solely on the characteristics of the mortgagor.".
- 12 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 13 subsection (a) take effect upon the expiration of the 614 month period beginning on the date of enactment of this
 15 Act.
- 16 SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON INSURING MORTGAGORS WITH 2

 17 PRIOR FORECLOSURES.
- 18 Section 203 of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C.
- 19 1709) is amended by adding at the end the following:
- 20 "(y) Prohibition on Insuring Mortgagors With
- 21 2 Prior Foreclosures.—The Secretary may not insure,
- 22 or enter into a commitment to insure, a mortgage under
- 23 this section that is executed by a mortgagor who is the mort-
- 24 gagor under any two mortgages on 1- to 4-family residen-
- 25 tial properties that have been previously foreclosed upon.".

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1 SEC. 34. INDEMNIFICATION BY FHA MORTGAGEES.

- 2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 202 of the National
- 3 Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1708) is amended by adding at
- 4 the end the following new subsection:
- 5 "(i) Indemnification by Mortgagees.—
- 6 "(1) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary determines 7 that a mortgage executed by a mortgagee approved 8 by the Secretary under the direct endorsement pro-9 gram or insured by a mortgagee pursuant to the del-10 egation of authority under section 256 contains a 11 material defect such that the mortgage should not 12 have been approved or endorsed for insurance, and 13 a loan becomes delinquent within 36 months of such 14 approval or endorsement leading to a default or the 15 Secretary pays a claim within 36 months after such 16 approval or endorsement, the Secretary may require 17 the mortgagee approved by the Secretary under the 18 direct endorsement program or the mortgagee dele-19 gated authority under section 256 to indemnify the 20 Secretary for the loss, irrespective of whether the 21 violation caused the mortgage default.
 - "(2) Fraud or misrepresentation was involved in connection with the origination, the Secretary shall require the mortgagee approved by the Secretary under the direct endorsement program or the mortgagee dele-

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1	gated authority under section 256 to indemnify the
2	Secretary for the loss regardless of when an insur-
3	ance claim is paid-, except if the Secretary determines
4	that the fraud or misrepresentation was the result of
5	fraud or misrepresentation committed not by the
6	mortgagee but by a third party and that the mort-
7	gagee had implemented adequate quality control and
8	review procedures to deter, detect, and identify such
9	fraud or misrepresentation.
10	"(3) REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES.—The
11	Secretary shall issue regulations establishing—
12	"(A) appropriate requirements and proce-
13	dures governing the indemnification of the Sec-
14	retary by the mortgagee, including public re-
15	porting on—
16	"(i) the number of loans that—
17	"(I) were not originated in ac-
18	cordance with the requirements estab-
19	lished by the Secretary; and
20	"(II) involved fraud or misrepre-
21	sentation in connection with the origi-
22	nation; and
23	"(ii) the financial impact on the Mu-
24	tual Mortgage Insurance Fund when in-
25	demnification is required; and

1	"(B) an appeals process, or making any
2	necessary modifications or revisions to an exist-
3	ing appeals process of the Secretary, to appeal
4	any determination of indemnification made by
5	the Secretary pursuant to paragraph (1) or (2).
6	"(4) Applicability.—This subsection shall
7	only apply to mortgages insured under this title that
8	were originated on or after the date of enactment of
9	the FHA Solvency Act of 2013.
10	"(5) Deposit in the mutual mortgage in-
11	SURANCE FUND.—The Secretary shall deposit any
12	amounts collected pursuant to this subsection in,
13	and for the use of, the Mutual Mortgage Insurance
14	Fund.".
15	(b) Rule of Construction.—Nothing in sub-
16	section (a), or the amendment made by subsection (a),
17	shall be construed to supersede, alter, or in any way affect
18	the authorities granted to the Secretary of Housing and
19	Urban Development under section 256 of the National
20	Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1715z–21).
21	SEC. 45. REVIEW OF MORTGAGEE PERFORMANCE.
22	Section 533 of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C.
23	1735f-11) is amended—
24	(1) by amending subsection (a) to read as fol-

lows:

1	"(a) Periodic Review of Mortgagee Perform-
2	ANCE.—To reduce losses in connection with single family
3	mortgage insurance programs under this Act, at least once
4	a year the Secretary shall review the mortgagees origi-
5	nating or underwriting insured single family mortgages.";
6	(2) by amending subsection (b) to read as fol-
7	lows:
8	"(b) Comparison With Other Mortgagees.—
9	"(1) In general.—In conducting the review
10	required under subsection (a), for each mortgagee
11	the Secretary shall compare that mortgagee with
12	other mortgagees originating or underwriting in-
13	sured single family mortgages based on the rates of
14	defaults and claims for insured single family mort-
15	gage loans originated or underwritten by that mort-
16	gagee. The Secretary may also compare that mort-
17	gagee with such other mortgagees based on—
18	"(A) underwriting quality;
19	"(B) geographic area served; or
20	"(C) any commonly used factors the Sec-
21	retary deems necessary for comparing mortgage
22	default risk, provided that such comparison is
23	of factors that the Secretary would expect to re-
24	duce the default risk of mortgages insured by
25	the Secretary.

1	"(2) Implementation.—In carrying out the
2	comparisons required under paragraph (1), the Sec-
3	retary shall implement such comparisons by regula-
4	tion, notice, or mortgagee letter."; and
5	(3) in subsection (e)—
6	(A) by striking paragraph (1) and insert-
7	ing the following:
8	"(1) TERMINATION AUTHORITY.—
9	"(A) In general.—Notwithstanding sec-
10	tion 202(c), the Secretary may terminate the
11	approval of a mortgagee to originate or under-
12	write single family mortgages if the Secretary
13	determines that the mortgage loans originated
14	or underwritten by the mortgagee present an
15	unacceptable risk to the insurance funds.
16	"(B) Basis for determining unaccept-
17	ABLE RISK.—For purposes of subparagraph
18	(A), a mortgagee may present an unacceptable
19	risk to the insurance funds based on—
20	"(i) a comparison of any of the fac-
21	tors set forth in subsection (b); or
22	"(ii) a determination that the mort-
23	gagee engaged in fraud or misrepresenta-
24	tion.";

1	(B) by redesignating paragraph (2) as
2	paragraph (3);
3	(C) by inserting after paragraph (1) the
4	following:
5	"(2) Applicability and enforcement.—The
6	authority granted to the Secretary under paragraph
7	(1) shall—
8	"(A) apply for any specified area or areas,
9	or on a nationwide basis; and
10	"(B) be made in accordance with any regu-
11	lation, notice, or mortgagee letter issued by the
12	Secretary."; and
13	(D) in paragraph (3) (as so redesig-
14	nated)—
15	(i) by striking "(3) The Secretary
16	shall give" and inserting "(3) Notice and
17	RIGHT TO INFORMAL CONFERENCE.—The
18	Secretary shall give"; and
19	(ii) in the fourth sentence, by striking
20	"excessive default and claim rate" and in-
21	serting "finding of an unacceptable risk to
22	the insurance funds".

1	SEC. 6. TRANSFER OF MORTGAGE SERVICING DUTIES.
2	(a) In General.—Title II of the National Housing
3	Act (12 U.S.C. 1707 et seq.) is amended by adding at the
4	end the following new section:
5	"SEC. 259. TRANSFER OF MORTGAGE SERVICING DUTIES.
6	"(a) Transfer of Mortgage Servicing Duties.—
7	"(1) In general.—For any mortgage or pool of
8	mortgages insured under this title and in accordance
9	with rules promulgated by the Secretary, the Sec-
10	retary may require the servicer of any such mortgage
11	or pool of mortgages to enter into a subservicing ar-
12	rangement with any independent specialty servicer
13	approved by the Secretary.
14	"(2) RULES.—The rules required under para-
15	graph (1) shall—
16	"(A) set forth with clarity the performance
17	conditions of a servicer that would warrant or
18	necessitate the use of the authority granted to the
19	Secretary under this section;
20	"(B) require that the performance condition
21	warranting or necessitating the use of such au-
22	thority be of such type or character so as to ma-
23	terially and adversely affect the Secretary's abil-
24	ity to recover any amounts owed to the Sec-
25	retary;

1	"(C) for purposes of subparagraph (B), de-
2	fine the term 'materially and adversely affect';
3	"(D) require that any servicer whose serv-
4	icing duties are subject to this section be pro-
5	vided a reasonable amount of time, provided that
6	such time does not present a risk to the Mutual
7	Mortgage Insurance Fund, to rebut, address, or
8	correct any determination of the Secretary re-
9	garding a performance condition described under
10	subparagraph (A);
11	"(E) only permit the Secretary to carry out
12	the authority granted under this section upon ex-
13	piration of the time-period allowed under sub-
14	paragraph (D);
15	"(F) limit the scope of any such authority
16	to mortgages that share similar underwriting,
17	borrower, and performance characteristics;
18	"(G) ensure that the scope of any such au-
19	thority is not applied broadly and without fur-
20	ther limitation; and
21	"(H) notwithstanding subparagraphs (B)
22	through (G), provide that a servicer may be sub-
23	ject to more extensive programmatic discipline or
24	correction measures, as determined by the Sec-
25	retary, if, during any 5-year period—

1	"(i) the servicing duties that are the
2	subject of the current use of the Secretary's
3	authority under this section marks the third
4	instance of the use of such authority with
5	respect to the same servicer; and
6	"(ii) with respect to the prior two sep-
7	arate and individual instances of the use of
8	such authority, the same servicer failed to
9	cure any identified performance conditions
10	or implement corrective measures as deter-
11	mined by the Secretary pursuant to sub-
12	paragraph (D).".
13	(b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by this
14	section shall only apply to mortgages insured under title
15	II of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1707 et seq.)
16	that were originated on or after the date of enactment of
17	this Act.
18	SEC. 57. EASING REGULATORY BURDENS; RESOURCE
19	GUIDE.
20	(a) In General.—Not later than 360 days after the
21	date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Housing
22	and Urban Development (in this section referred to as the
23	"Secretary") shall issue a single, uniform resource guide
24	to inform lenders and servicers of the policies, processes,
25	and procedures applicable to mortgages insured under title

- 1 II of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1707 et seq.),
- 2 including, but not limited to, the policies, processes, and
- 3 procedures of the Secretary relating to any indemnifica-
- 4 tion authority of the Secretary, including any criteria the
- 5 Secretary considers to be a material defect for purposes
- 6 of executing such authority.
- 7 (b) Content.—The resource guide required under
- 8 subsection (a) shall aggregate all forms, policies, and other
- 9 related information set forth in any handbooks, mortgagee
- 10 letters, guidebooks, notices, or bulletins issued by the Sec-
- 11 retary.
- 12 (c) UPDATING.—Beginning on the expiration of the
- 13 date set forth under subsection (a), whenever the Sec-
- 14 retary issues any new policy, process, or procedure, or re-
- 15 vises or otherwise amends any existing policy, process, or
- 16 procedure contained in the resource guide required under
- 17 subsection (a), such addition, revision, or amendment shall
- 18 be issued as an amendment to the resource guide.
- 19 (d) Public Availability; Website Access.—The
- 20 resource guide required under subsection (a) shall be made
- 21 available to the public and posted on the website of the
- 22 Department of the Housing and Urban Development.
- (e) Authorization of Appropriations.—There
- 24 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are nec-
- 25 essary to carry out this section.

1 SEC. 68. IMPROVING UNDERWRITING STANDARDS.

2	(a) In General.—Not later than 180 days after the
3	date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Housing
4	and Urban Development shall, by mortgagee letter or rule,
5	evaluate and revise as necessary the underwriting stand-
6	ards for mortgages eligible to be insured under title II of
7	the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1707 et seq.), which
8	shall—
9	(1) be based on empirically derived, demon-
10	strably and statistically sound models; and
11	(2) include criteria, the evaluation of which has
12	historically resulted in comparatively low rates of de-
13	linquency and default during adverse economic con-
14	ditions.
15	(b) Criteria.—The underwriting standards under
16	subsection (a) shall include an evaluation of—
17	(1) the current or reasonably expected income
18	and financial resources of a borrower;
19	(2) the employment status of a borrower, if in-
20	come used under paragraph (1) is employment in-
21	come;
22	(3) the monthly payment of a borrower under
23	the terms of a mortgage;
24	(4) the monthly payment for any other loan
25	held by the borrower;

1	(5) the monthly payment for any obligations re-
2	lated to the mortgage;
3	(6) any other debt obligations of a borrower, in-
4	cluding alimony and child support;
5	(7) the monthly debt-to-income ratio or residual
6	income of a borrower;
7	(8) the credit history of a borrower; and
8	(9) any other risk factor or criteria, as deter-
9	mined appropriate by the Secretary.
10	SEC. 79. ENSURING ADEQUATE CAPITAL LEVELS IN THE
11	MUTUAL MORTGAGE INSURANCE FUND.
12	Section 205 of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C.
13	1711(f)) is amended—
14	(1) in subsection (f)—
15	(A) in paragraph (2), by striking "shall en-
16	sure that the Fund maintains at least such cap-
17	ital ratio at all times thereafter" and inserting
18	"maintains such ratio thereafter, subject to
19	paragraph (3)"; and
20	(B) by amending paragraph (3) to read as
21	follows:
22	"(3) The Secretary shall ensure that the Mu-
23	tual Mortgage Insurance Fund attains a capital
24	ratio of not less than 3.0 percent within 10 years
25	after the date of enactment of the FHA Solvency

1	Act of 2013, and shall ensure that the Fund main-
2	tains at least such capital ratio at all times there-
3	after."; and
4	(2) by adding at the end the following:
5	"(g) Ensuring Adequate Capital Levels in the
6	MUTUAL MORTGAGE INSURANCE FUND.—
7	"(1) Effective date.—
8	"(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in
9	subparagraph (B), this subsection shall take ef-
10	fect on the date of enactment of the FHA Sol-
11	vency Act of 2013.
12	"(B) Exception for imposition of sur-
13	CHARGES.—
14	"(i) In General.—Paragraphs
15	(4)(D), (5)(D), and (6)(D) of this sub-
16	section—
17	"(I) shall not have any force or
18	effect during the 2-year period begin-
19	ning on the date of enactment of the
20	FHA Solvency Act of 2013; and
21	"(II) shall take effect upon the
22	earlier of—
23	"(aa) the expiration of the
24	2-year period set forth under
25	subclause (I), if in any annual

1	independent actuarial study re-
2	quired under section 202(a)(4)
3	the Mutual Mortgage Insurance
4	Fund is designated as critically
5	undercapitalized pursuant to
6	paragraph (6);
7	"(bb) the date the inde-
8	pendent actuary commissioned to
9	carry out the annual independent
10	actuarial study required under
11	section 202(a)(4) submits the re-
12	sults of the fiscal year 2016
13	study to the Secretary, if such
14	study finds that the Mutual
15	Mortgage Insurance Fund has
16	not achieved the capital ratio re-
17	quired to be maintained under
18	subsection (f)(1);
19	"(cc) any date occurring
20	after the date set forth under
21	item (bb), but prior to any date
22	set forth under items (dd) or
23	(ee), if in any annual inde-
24	pendent actuarial study required
25	under section 202(a)(4) the inde-

1	pendent actuary commissioned to
2	carry out the study finds—
3	"(AA) that in compari-
4	son to the independent actu-
5	arial study submitted in the
6	most recent prior fiscal year,
7	the capital ratio of the Fund
8	has decreased; and
9	"(BB) the market
10	share for mortgages insured
11	under this title has not been
12	concurrently reduced thus
13	contributing to the decrease
14	in the capital ratio described
15	under subitem (AA);
16	"(dd) the date on which the
17	Mutual Mortgage Insurance
18	Fund attains a capital ratio of
19	3.0 percent; or
20	"(ee) the date that is 10
21	years after the date of enactment
22	of the FHA Solvency Act of
23	2013.
24	"(ii) Rule of construction.—For
25	purposes of this subsection, any finding

1	made under item (cc) of clause (i)(II) shall
2	be deemed to mean that the Mutual Mort-
3	gage Insurance Fund is undercapitalized
4	pursuant to paragraph (4) and that not-
5	withstanding the provisions of paragraph
6	(4)(D)(iv), the Secretary shall begin or
7	continue to collect any surcharge set forth
8	under paragraph (4)(D), until the earlier
9	of the date on which—
10	"(I) the next report of the Sec-
11	retary on the annual independent ac-
12	tuarial study required under section
13	202(a)(4) finds that in comparison to
14	the independent actuarial study sub-
15	mitted in the most recent prior fiscal
16	year, the capital ratio of the Fund has
17	increased;
18	"(II) the report of the Secretary
19	required under paragraph (3)(A) finds
20	that in comparison to the independent
21	actuarial study submitted in the most
22	recent prior fiscal year, the capital
23	ratio of the Fund has increased; or
24	"(III) the Mutual Mortgage In-
25	surance Fund has been designated as

significantly undercapitalized pursuant to paragraph (5) or critically
undercapitalized pursuant to paragraph (6) and the premium surcharge
applicable to any such designation has
taken effect.

"(2) Duty of Chief Risk officer.—Following the receipt by the Deputy Assistant Secretary and Chief Risk Officer of the final completed report for the fiscal year of the independent actuary commissioned to carry out the annual independent actuarial study required under section 202(a)(4) analyzing the capital ratio of the Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund, the Deputy Assistant Secretary and Chief Risk Officer shall, as part of that individual's regularly assigned duties and responsibilities, have a duty to notify, within 24 hours, the Secretary of any failure to maintain the capital ratio of the Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund as required under subsection (f).

"(3) STUDIES AND REPORTS.—

"(A) FOR WHEN FUND IS UNDERCAPITAL-IZED OR SIGNIFICANTLY UNDERCAPITALIZED.— If the Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund is designated as undercapitalized or significantly

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undercapitalized pursuant to paragraphs (4) or (5), respectively, then not later than 180 days after date on which the Secretary submits the report on the annual independent actuarial study required under section 202(a)(4), and annually thereafter until such time as the Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund achieves the capital ratio required to be maintained under subsection (f), the Secretary shall provide a report to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives updating the results of the independent actuarial study required under section 202(a)(4) to reflect the most recently available information and analyzing the financial position of the Fund.

"(B) FOR WHEN FUND IS CRITICALLY UNDERCAPITALIZED.—If the Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund is designated as critically undercapitalized pursuant to paragraph (6), then not later than the last day of the current fiscal quarter in which the Congress is informed of such events pursuant to paragraph (6)(A), and every fiscal quarter thereafter until such

time as the Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund achieves the capital ratio required to be maintained under subsection (f) or is designated as undercapitalized or significantly undercapitalized pursuant to paragraphs (4) or (5), respectively, the Secretary shall provide a report to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives updating the results of the independent actuarial study required under section 202(a)(4) to reflect the most recently available information and analyzing the financial position of the Fund.

"(C) Failure to comply with Re-Quired timelines.—If the Secretary fails to comply with any timeline required under subparagraphs (A) or (B), the Secretary shall appear before the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives within 7 days of the last day of that deadline to provide testimony explaining the failure to comply. 1 "(4) Corrective actions when fund is 2 undercapitalized.—

than 7 days after the date on which the Secretary is informed that the Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund has a capital ratio of not less than 50 percent but less than 100 percent of the capital ratio required to be maintained under subsection (f), the Secretary shall notify the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives of such shortfall, and the exact date on which the Secretary was informed of such shortfall.

"(B) Submission of Capital Restoration Plan.—Not later than 30 days after the date on which notice is provided under subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall submit to the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives a capital restoration

plan, including a timeline for implementation of such plan, to achieve the capital ratio required to be maintained under subsection (f). The plan required under this subparagraph shall be revised annually until such time as the Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund achieves the capital ratio required to be maintained under subsection (f).

"(C) Congressional Testimony.—Not later than 45 days after the date on which notice is provided under subparagraph (A), and annually thereafter until such time as the Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund achieves the capital ratio required to be maintained under subsection (f), the Secretary shall provide testimony to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives on the capital status of the Fund and the performance or projected performance of the plan submitted under subparagraph (B).

"(D) Imposition of Premium Sur-Charge.—

"(i) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding 1 2 any limitation on the amount of any premium payment set forth under section 3 4 203(c), in addition to the premiums collected under subparagraphs (A), (B), and 6 (C) of paragraph (2) of section 203(c), if 7 the Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund is 8 designated as undercapitalized pursuant to 9 this paragraph, the Secretary shall estab-10 lish and collect annual premium payments for any newly insured mortgage for which 12 the Secretary collects an annual premium 13 payment under section 203(c), except for 14 those mortgages insured pursuant to sec-15 tion 255, in an amount described in clause (ii). 16

"(ii) Amount of Surcharge.—With respect to a mortgage, the amount described in this clause is 10 basis points of the remaining insured principal balance (excluding the portion of the remaining balance attributable to the premium collected under paragraph (2)(A) of section 203(c) and without taking into account delinguent payments or prepayments).

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1	"(iii) Effective date.—
2	"(I) In general.—Subject to
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4	lect the annual premium payment set
5	forth under this subparagraph shall
6	take effect on the date that is 180
7	days after the date on which notice is
8	provided to Congress under subpara-
9	graph (A).
10	"(II) DELAY.—The effective date
11	of the requirement to collect the an-
12	nual premium payment set forth
13	under this subparagraph may be ex-
14	tended for an additional 180 days, if
15	prior to the expiration of the initial
16	180-day time period described under
17	subclause (I), the report of the Sec-
18	retary required under paragraph
19	(3)(A)—
20	"(aa) is submitted to Con-
21	gress; and
22	"(bb) finds that the Mutual
23	Mortgage Insurance Fund has
24	achieved the capital ratio re-

1	quired to be maintained under
2	subsection (f).
3	"(III) REINSTITUTION OF SUR-
4	CHARGE.—Notwithstanding sub-
5	clauses (I) and (II), if the next report
6	of the Secretary on the annual inde-
7	pendent actuarial study required
8	under section 202(a)(4) that is sub-
9	mitted after the report of the Sec-
10	retary described in subclause (II)
11	finds that the Mutual Mortgage In-
12	surance Fund has not achieved the
13	capital ratio required to be main-
14	tained under subsection (f), then the
15	effective date of the requirement to
16	collect the annual premium payment
17	set forth under this subparagraph
18	shall be the date that is 30 days after
19	the date on which such report is sub-
20	mitted to Congress.
21	"(iv) Cessation of Application.—
22	The Secretary shall not be required to col-
23	lect the annual premium payment set forth
24	under this subparagraph, if, at any time

1	after the date on which such requirement
2	has gone into effect, either—
3	"(I) the report of the Secretary
4	on the annual independent actuarial
5	study required under section
6	202(a)(4) finds that the Mutual Mort-
7	gage Insurance Fund has achieved the
8	capital ratio required to be main-
9	tained under subsection (f);
10	"(II) the report of the Secretary
11	required under paragraph (3) (A)
12	finds that the Mutual Mortgage In-
13	surance Fund has achieved the capital
14	ratio required to be maintained under
15	subsection (f); or
16	"(III) the Mutual Mortgage In-
17	surance Fund has been designated
18	significantly undercapitalized pursu-
19	ant to paragraph (5) or critically
20	undercapitalized pursuant to para-
21	graph (6) and the premium surcharge
22	applicable to any such designation has
23	taken effect.
24	"(5) Corrective actions when fund is sig-
25	NIFICANTLY UNDERCAPITALIZED.—

"(A) Notice to congress.—Not later than 7 days after the date on which the Secretary is informed that the Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund has a capital ratio of not less than 0 percent but less than 50 percent of the capital ratio required to be maintained under subsection (f), the Secretary shall notify the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives of such shortfall, and the date on which the Secretary was informed of such shortfall.

"(B) Submission of Revised Capital Restoration plan.—Not later than 30 days after the date on which notice is provided under subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall submit to the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives a capital restoration plan, or a revised capital restoration plan, including a timeline for implementation of such

plan or revised plan, to achieve the capital ratio required to be maintained under subsection (f).

The plan required under this subparagraph shall be revised annually until such time as the Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund achieves the capital ratio required to be maintained under subsection (f).

"(C) Congressional Testimony.—Not later than 45 days after the date on which notice is provided under subparagraph (A), and every 180 days thereafter until such time as the Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund achieves the capital ratio required to be maintained under subsection (f), the Secretary shall provide testimony to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives on the capital status of the Fund and the performance or projected performance of the revised capital restoration plan submitted under subparagraph (B).

- "(D) Imposition of Premium Sur-Charge.—
- 24 "(i) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding 25 any limitation on the amount of any pre-

mium payment set forth under section 203(c), in addition to the premiums collected under subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C) of paragraph (2) of section 203(c), if the Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund is designated as significantly undercapitalized pursuant to this paragraph, the Secretary shall establish and collect annual premium payments for any newly insured mortgage for which the Secretary collects an annual premium payment under section 203(c), except for those mortgages insured pursuant to section 255, in an amount described in clause (ii).

"(ii) Amount of surcharge.—With respect to a mortgage, the amount described in this clause is 20 basis points of the remaining insured principal balance (excluding the portion of the remaining balance attributable to the premium collected under paragraph (2)(A) of section 203(c) and without taking into account delinquent payments or prepayments).

"(iii) Effective date.—

1	"(I) In General.—Subject to
2	subclause (II), the requirement to col-
3	lect the annual premium payment set
4	forth under this subparagraph shall
5	take effect on the date that is 180
6	days after the date on which notice is
7	provided to Congress under subpara-
8	graph (A).
9	"(II) Delay.—The effective date
10	of the requirement to collect the an-
11	nual premium payment set forth
12	under this subparagraph shall be ex-
13	tended for an additional 180 days, if
14	prior to the expiration of the initial
15	180-day time period described under
16	subclause (I), the report of the Sec-
17	retary required under paragraph
18	(3)(A)—
19	"(aa) is submitted to Con-
20	gress; and
21	"(bb) finds that the Mutual
22	Mortgage Insurance Fund—
23	"(AA) has achieved the
24	capital ratio required to be

1	maintained under subsection
2	(f); or
3	"(BB) has a capital
4	ratio of not less than 50
5	percent but less than 100
6	percent of the capital ratio
7	required to be maintained
8	under subsection (f), at
9	which point the provisions of
10	paragraph (4)(D) shall be
11	applicable, except that the
12	provisions of clause (iii) of
13	such paragraph (4)(D) shall
14	not be applicable and that
15	the premium surcharge ap-
16	plicable to such paragraph
17	shall take effect within 30
18	days of the issuance of such
19	report.
20	"(III) REINSTITUTION OF SUR-
21	CHARGE.—Notwithstanding sub-
22	clauses (I) and (II), if the next report
23	of the Secretary on the annual inde-
24	pendent actuarial study required
25	under section 202(a)(4) that is sub-

1	mitted after the report of the Sec-
2	retary described in subclause (II)
3	finds that the Mutual Mortgage In-
4	surance Fund has a capital ratio of
5	not less than 0 percent but less than
6	50 percent of the capital ratio re-
7	quired to be maintained under sub-
8	section (f), then the effective date of
9	the requirement to collect the annual
10	premium payment set forth under this
11	subparagraph shall be the date that is
12	30 days after the date on which such
13	report is submitted to Congress.
14	"(iv) Cessation of Application.—
15	The Secretary shall not be required to col-
16	lect the annual premium payment set forth
17	under this subparagraph, if, at any time
18	after the date on which such requirement
19	has gone into effect, either—
20	"(I) the report of the Secretary
21	on the annual independent actuarial
22	study required under section
23	202(a)(4) finds that the Mutual Mort-
24	gage Insurance Fund—

1	"(aa) has achieved the cap-
2	ital ratio required to be main-
3	tained under subsection (f); or
4	"(bb) has a capital ratio of
5	not less than 50 percent but less
6	than 100 percent of the capital
7	ratio required to be maintained
8	under subsection (f), at which
9	point the provisions of paragraph
10	(4)(D) shall be applicable, except
11	that the provisions of clause (iii)
12	of such paragraph (4)(D) shall
13	not be applicable and that the
14	premium surcharge applicable to
15	such paragraph shall take effect
16	within 30 days of the issuance of
17	such report;
18	"(II) the report of the Secretary
19	required under paragraph (3)(A) finds
20	that the Mutual Mortgage Insurance
21	Fund—
22	"(aa) has achieved the cap-
23	ital ratio required to be main-
24	tained under subsection (f); or

1	"(bb) has a capital ratio of
2	not less than 50 percent but less
3	than 100 percent of the capital
4	ratio required to be maintained
5	under subsection (f), at which
6	point the provisions of paragraph
7	(4)(D) shall be applicable, except
8	that the provisions of clause (iii)
9	of such paragraph (4)(D) shall
10	not be applicable and that the
11	premium surcharge applicable to
12	such paragraph shall take effect
13	within 30 days of the issuance of
14	such report; or
15	"(III) the Mutual Mortgage In-
16	surance Fund has been designated as
17	critically undercapitalized pursuant to
18	paragraph (6) and the premium sur-
19	charge applicable to any such designa-
20	tion has taken effect.
21	"(E) REQUIRED EXAMINATION OF UNDER-
22	WRITING REQUIREMENTS.—If the Mutual Mort-
23	gage Insurance Fund is designated as signifi-
24	cantly undercapitalized pursuant to this para-
25	graph, the Secretary shall—

1	"(i) not later than 30 days after the
2	date on which notice is provided under
3	subparagraph (A), examine all of its prod-
4	uct lines, product or insurance features,
5	and underwriting criteria for ways to
6	strengthen and enhance such products,
7	features, or criteria to limit losses to the
8	Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund;
9	"(ii) in carrying out the requirement
10	under clause (i), undertake such examina-
11	tion actions as are necessary to reduce the
12	financial vulnerability of the Mutual Mort-
13	gage Insurance Fund from those risk char-
14	acteristics or product lines that most con-
15	tribute to the default of mortgages insured
16	under section 202, including by reviewing
17	the underwriting and servicing standards
18	for mortgages to be insured by the Sec-
19	retary, including, but not limited to, a re-
20	view of—
21	"(I) the amount of cash or its
22	equivalent required to be paid on ac-
23	count of the property subject to a
24	mortgage that is an obligation of the
25	Fund;

1	"(II) servicer compliance with
2	any loan servicing or loss mitigation
3	guidelines of the Secretary; and
4	"(III) economic conditions
5	present in the housing market, pro-
6	vided there is a demonstrated likeli-
7	hood that the policies of the Secretary
8	would impact those economic condi-
9	tions; and
10	"(iii) submit to the Committee on
11	Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of
12	the Senate and the Committee on Finan-
13	cial Services of the House of Representa-
14	tives any analysis, findings, or rec-
15	ommendations used or made by the Sec-
16	retary to carry out the requirements of this
17	subparagraph.
18	"(6) Corrective actions when fund is
19	CRITICALLY UNDERCAPITALIZED.—
20	"(A) Notice to congress.—Not later
21	than 7 days after the date on which the Sec-
22	retary is informed that the Mutual Mortgage
23	Insurance Fund has a capital ratio of less than
24	0 percent of the capital ratio required to be
25	maintained under subsection (f), the Secretary

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shall notify the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives of such shortfall, and the date on which the Secretary was informed of such shortfall.

"(B) Submission of further revised CAPITAL RESTORATION PLAN.—Not later than 30 days after the date on which notice is provided under subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall jointly submit with the Secretary of the Treasury to the Chair and Ranking Member of Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives a capital restoration plan, or a revised capital restoration plan, including a timeline for implementation of such plan, to achieve the capital ratio required to be maintained under subsection (f). The plan required under this subparagraph shall be revised and submitted annually with the Secretary of the Treasury, until such time as the Mutual Mortgage Insurance

Fund achieves the capital ratio required to be maintained under subsection (f).

"(C) Congressional testimony.—Not later than 45 days after the date on which notice is provided under subparagraph (A), and every 180 days thereafter until such time as the Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund achieves the capital ratio required to be maintained under subsection (f), the Secretary and the Secretary of the Treasury shall each provide testimony to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives on the capital status of the Fund and the success or failure of the further revised capital restoration plan submitted under subparagraph (B).

- "(D) Imposition of premium surcharge.—
 - "(i) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any limitation on the amount of any premium payment set forth under section 203(c), in addition to the premiums collected under subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C) of paragraph (2) of section 203(c), if

the Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund is designated as critically undercapitalized pursuant to this paragraph, the Secretary shall establish and collect annual premium payments for any newly insured mortgage for which the Secretary collects an annual premium payment under section 203(c), except for those mortgages insured pursu-ant to section 255, in an amount described in clause (ii). "(ii) Amount of Surcharge.—With

"(ii) Amount of surcharge.—With respect to a mortgage, the amount described in this clause is 30 basis points of the remaining insured principal balance (excluding the portion of the remaining balance attributable to the premium collected under paragraph (2)(A) of section 203(c) and without taking into account delinquent payments or prepayments).

"(iii) Effective date.—

"(I) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subclause (II), the requirement to collect the annual premium payment set forth under this subparagraph shall take effect on the date that is 180

1	days after the date on which notice is
2	provided to Congress under subpara-
3	graph (A).
4	"(II) DELAY.—The effective date
5	of the requirement to collect the an-
6	nual premium payment set forth
7	under this subparagraph shall be ex-
8	tended for an additional 180 days, if
9	prior to the expiration of the initial
10	180-day time period described under
11	subclause (I), the report of the Sec-
12	retary required under paragraph
13	(3)(B)—
14	"(aa) is submitted to Con-
15	gress; and
16	"(bb) finds that the Mutual
17	Mortgage Insurance Fund—
18	"(AA) has achieved the
19	capital ratio required to be
20	maintained under subsection
21	(f);
22	"(BB) has a capital
23	ratio of not less than 50
24	percent but less than 100
25	percent of the capital ratio

1	required to be maintained
2	under subsection (f), at
3	which point the provisions of
4	paragraph (4)(D) shall be
5	applicable, except that the
6	provisions of clause (iii) of
7	such paragraph (4)(D) shall
8	not be applicable and that
9	the premium surcharge ap-
10	plicable to such paragraph
11	shall take effect within 30
12	days of the issuance of such
13	report; or
14	"(CC) has a capital
15	ratio of not less than 0 per-
16	cent but less than 50 per-
17	cent of the capital ratio re-
18	quired to be maintained
19	under subsection (f), at
20	which point the provisions of
21	paragraph (5)(D) shall be
22	applicable, except that the
23	provisions of clause (iii) of
24	such paragraph (5)(D) shall
25	not be applicable and that

1	the premium surcharge ap-
2	plicable to such paragraph
3	shall take effect within 30
4	days of the issuance of such
5	report.
6	"(III) REINSTITUTION OF SUR-
7	CHARGE.—Notwithstanding sub-
8	clauses (I) and (II), if within 1 cal-
9	endar year any report of the Secretary
10	required under paragraph (3)(B)
11	finds that the Mutual Mortgage In-
12	surance Fund has a capital ratio of
13	less than 0 percent of the capital ratio
14	required to be maintained under sub-
15	section (f), then the effective date of
16	the requirement to collect the annual
17	premium payment set forth under this
18	subparagraph shall be the date that is
19	30 days after the date on which such
20	report is submitted to Congress.
21	"(iv) Cessation of Application.—
22	The Secretary shall not be required to col-
23	lect the annual premium payment set forth
24	under this subparagraph, if, at any time

1	after the date on which such requirement
2	has gone into effect, either—
3	"(I) the report of the Secretary
4	on the annual independent actuarial
5	study required under section
6	202(a)(4) finds that the Mutual Mort-
7	gage Insurance Fund—
8	"(aa) has achieved the cap-
9	ital ratio required to be main-
10	tained under subsection (f);
11	"(bb) has a capital ratio of
12	not less than 50 percent but less
13	than 100 percent of the capital
14	ratio required to be maintained
15	under subsection (f), at which
16	point the provisions of paragraph
17	(4)(D) shall be applicable, except
18	that the provisions of clause (iii)
19	of such paragraph (4)(D) shall
20	not be applicable and that the
21	premium surcharge applicable to
22	such paragraph shall take effect
23	within 30 days of the issuance of
24	such report; or

1	"(cc) has a capital ratio of
2	not less than 0 percent but less
3	than 50 percent of the capital
4	ratio required to be maintained
5	under subsection (f), at which
6	point the provisions of paragraph
7	(5)(D) shall be applicable, except
8	that the provisions of clause (iii)
9	of such paragraph (5)(D) shall
10	not be applicable and that the
11	premium surcharge applicable to
12	such paragraph shall take effect
13	within 30 days of the issuance of
14	such report; or
15	"(II) the report of the Secretary
16	required under paragraph (3)(B)
17	finds that the Mutual Mortgage In-
18	surance Fund—
19	"(aa) has achieved the cap-
20	ital ratio required to be main-
21	tained under subsection (f);
22	"(bb) has a capital ratio of
23	not less than 50 percent but less
24	than 100 percent of the capital
25	ratio required to be maintained

1 under subsection (f), at which 2 point the provisions of paragraph 3 (4)(D) shall be applicable, except 4 that the provisions of clause (iii) of such paragraph (4)(D) shall 6 not be applicable and that the 7 premium surcharge applicable to 8 such paragraph shall take effect 9 within 30 days of the issuance of 10 such report; or "(cc) has a capital ratio of 11 12 not less than 0 percent but less 13 than 50 percent of the capital 14 ratio required to be maintained 15 under subsection (f), at which point the provisions of paragraph 16 17 (5)(D) shall be applicable, except 18 that the provisions of clause (iii) 19 of such paragraph (5)(D) shall 20 not be applicable and that the 21 premium surcharge applicable to 22 such paragraph shall take effect 23 within 30 days of the issuance of 24 such report.

1	"(E) REQUIRED ENHANCEMENTS TO UN-
2	DERWRITING REQUIREMENTS.—If the Mutual
3	Mortgage Insurance Fund is designated as
4	critically undercapitalized pursuant to this
5	paragraph, the Secretary shall—
6	"(i) not later than 30 days after the
7	date on which notice is provided under
8	subparagraph (A), take such actions as
9	necessary to revise its product lines, prod-
10	uct or insurances features, or underwriting
11	criteria in order to strengthen and enhance
12	such products, features, or criteria to limit
13	losses to the Mutual Mortgage Insurance
14	Fund;
15	"(ii) in carrying out the requirement
16	under clause (i), undertake such actions as
17	are necessary to reduce the financial vul-
18	nerability of the Mutual Mortgage Insur-
19	ance Fund from those risk characteristics
20	or product lines that most contribute to
21	the default of mortgages insured under
22	section 202, such actions—
23	"(I) may include, but are not
24	limited to, a revision of the—

1	"(aa) amount of cash or its
2	equivalent required to be paid on
3	account of the property subject
4	to a mortgage that is an obliga-
5	tion of the Fund;
6	"(bb) servicer standards for
7	compliance with any loan serv-
8	icing or loss mitigation guidelines
9	of the Secretary; and
10	"(cc) treatment of loan
11	modification requests made by
12	borrowers having insurance pro-
13	vided under this title seeking as-
14	sistance under a modification
15	program of the Secretary; and
16	"(II) shall take into consideration
17	economic conditions present in the
18	housing market, provided there is a
19	demonstrated likelihood that the poli-
20	cies of the Secretary would impact
21	those economic conditions; and
22	"(iii) submit to the Committee on
23	Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of
24	the Senate and the Committee on Finan-
25	cial Services of the House of Representa-

1	tives any relevant final analysis used by
2	the Secretary to carry out the require-
3	ments of this subparagraph.
4	"(7) Mandatory Reevaluation.—Upon the
5	Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund achieving the cap-
6	ital ratio required to be maintained under subsection
7	(f), the Secretary—
8	"(A) shall review any actions taken pursu-
9	ant to this subsection;
10	"(B) shall examine and determine wheth-
11	er—
12	"(i) the need to maintain such action
13	is necessary; and
14	"(ii) the repeal, revision, or amend-
15	ment of any such action can be carried out
16	without having any adverse effect on the
17	ability of the Fund to maintain the capital
18	ratio required under subsection (f); and
19	"(C) may, pursuant to any determination
20	under subparagraph (B) that no such adverse
21	effects exist, repeal, revise, or amend any such
22	action as the Secretary determines appro-
23	priate.".

1	SEC. 10. STRESS TESTING OF THE MUTUAL MORTGAGE IN-
2	SURANCE FUND.
3	Section 202(a)(4) of the National Housing Act (12
4	U.S.C. 1708(a)(4)) is amended by inserting after the last
5	sentence the following: "The report shall also include an al-
6	ternative stress test scenario of the Fund based on relevant
7	assumptions used in the annual Comprehensive Capital
8	Analysis and Review stress tests performed by the Board
9	of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. The alternative
10	stress test scenario of the Fund shall be developed by the
11	Secretary, in consultation with the Board of Governors of
12	the Federal Reserve System, and appropriately tailored for
13	purposes of assessing the financial status of the Fund. A
14	summary of the results of the alternative stress test scenario
15	of the Fund, as well as any other stress test scenario of the
16	Fund that may be utilized, shall be included in the report.".
17	SEC. 11. CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION OF USE OF CER-
18	TAIN AUTHORITIES WITH RESPECT TO THE
19	FHA.
20	(a) Notice by Treasury.—The Secretary of the
21	Treasury shall provide written notice to the Committee on
22	Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and
23	the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Rep-
24	resentatives within 48 hours of the exercise of any authority
25	granted under section 504(f) of the Federal Credit Reform
26	Act of 1990 (2 U.S.C. 661c(f)) to carry out any transaction

- 1 to fund any account established for the benefit of the De-
- 2 partment of Housing and Development, the Federal Hous-
- 3 ing Administration, or the Mutual Mortgage Insurance
- 4 Fund established under section 202 of the National Housing
- 5 Act (12 U.S.C. 1708).
- 6 (b) Notice by HUD.—The Secretary of Housing and
- 7 Urban Development shall provide written notice to the
- 8 Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the
- 9 Senate and the Committee on Financial Services of the
- 10 House of Representatives within 48 hours of the receipt of
- 11 any amounts described under subsection (a).
- 12 (c) Inclusion in Required Reports.—The Sec-
- 13 retary of Housing and Urban Development shall include,
- 14 in any report required by law to be submitted to Congress,
- 15 including any annual, quarterly, actuarial, or other report
- 16 required to be submitted to the Committee on Banking,
- 17 Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Com-
- 18 mittee on Financial Services of the House of Representative,
- 19 the dollar amount of any amounts owed by the Secretary
- 20 of Housing and Urban Development to the Treasury as a
- 21 result of the exercise of any authority granted under section
- 22 504(f) of the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990 (2 U.S.C.
- 23 *661c(f))*.
- 24 (d) Public Availability.—

1	(1) Treasury.—As soon as is practicable, the
2	notice required by subsection (a) shall be made avail-
3	able to the public and posted on the website of the De-
4	partment of the Treasury.
5	(2) HUD.—As soon as is practicable, the notice
6	required by subsection (b) shall be made available to
7	the public and posted on the website of the Depart-
8	ment of Housing and Urban Development.
9	SEC. 812. ESTABLISHMENT OF DEPUTY ASSISTANT SEC-
10	RETARY AND CHIEF RISK OFFICER OF FHA.
11	(a) In General.—Subsection (b) of section 4 of the
12	Department of Housing and Urban Development Act (42
13	U.S.C. 3533(b)) is amended—
14	(1) by striking "There shall be" and inserting
15	the following:
16	"(1) Establishment of commissioner.—
17	There shall be"; and
18	(2) by adding at the end the following:
19	"(2) Establishment of deputy assistant
20	SECRETARY AND CHIEF RISK OFFICER.—
21	"(A) Appointment.—There shall be in
22	the Department, within the Federal Housing
23	Administration, a Deputy Assistant Secretary
24	and Chief Risk Officer, who shall be appointed
25	by the Secretary and shall be responsible to the

1	Federal Housing Commissioner for all matters
2	relating to managing and mitigating risk to the
3	mortgage insurance funds of the Department
4	and ensuring the performance of mortgages in-
5	sured by the Department to protect borrowers
6	and taxpayers.
7	"(B) Responsibilities.—The Deputy As-
8	sistant Secretary and Chief Risk Officer estab-
9	lished under subparagraph (A) shall have—
10	"(i) comprehensive risk management
11	and regulatory knowledge in key risks, in-
12	cluding credit, interest rate, and oper-
13	ational risk;
14	"(ii) a sound understanding of the
15	tools and methodologies used to measure
16	and quantify risk, including the use of sta-
17	tistical models; and
18	"(iii) a broad understanding and
19	knowledge of mortgage industry best prac-
20	tices for risk management.
21	"(C) Underwriting report.—
22	"(i) In general.—Not later than 1
23	year after the date of enactment of the
24	FHA Solvency Act of 2013, and annually
25	thereafter, the Deputy Assistant Secretary

1	and Chief Risk Officer (or, if not yet ap-
2	pointed, the Commissioner of the Federal
3	Housing Administration) shall prepare a
4	report on the underwriting standards for
5	mortgages insured under title II of the Na-
6	tional Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1707 et
7	seq.), which shall be submitted by the Sec-
8	retary to—
9	"(I) the Committee on Banking,
10	Housing, and Urban Affairs of the
11	Senate; and
12	"(II) the Committee on Financial
13	Services of the House of Representa-
14	tives.
15	"(ii) Contents.—The report required
16	under clause (i) shall include—
17	"(I) for all mortgages insured
18	under title II of the National Housing
19	Act that were made not less than 6
20	months and not more than 36 months
21	before the date of the report, an iden-
22	tification of the default risk character-
23	istics as such characteristics existed at
24	the time of origination of the mort-
25	gage based on risk factors that are

1	commonly used in evaluating mort-
2	gage default risk, including—
3	"(aa) the current or reason-
4	ably expected income and finan-
5	cial resources of a borrower;
6	"(bb) the employment status
7	of a borrower, if income used
8	under item (aa) is employment
9	income;
10	"(cc) the monthly mortgage
11	payment of a borrower under the
12	terms of a mortgage;
13	"(dd) the monthly payment
14	for any other loan held by the
15	borrower;
16	"(ee) the monthly payment
17	for any obligations related to the
18	mortgage;
19	"(ff) any other debt obliga-
20	tions of a borrower, including ali-
21	mony and child support;
22	"(gg) the monthly debt-to-
23	income ratio or residual income
24	of a borrower;

1	"(hh) the credit history of a
2	borrower; and
3	"(ii) any other risk factor,
4	as determined appropriate by the
5	Secretary;
6	"(II) in tabular format, the num-
7	ber of mortgages insured under title
8	II of the National Housing Act that
9	are in default and the rate of default
10	for—
11	"(aa) each for the character-
12	istics described in subclause (I);
13	"(bb) any multi-way com-
14	bination of the characteristics in
15	subclause (I) as determined ap-
16	propriate by the Secretary; and
17	"(ce) any additional multi-
18	way combination of the charac-
19	teristics in subclause (I) as may
20	be requested by the Chair or
21	Ranking Member of the Com-
22	mittee on Banking, Housing, and
23	Urban Affairs of the Senate or
24	the Chair or Ranking Member of
25	the Committee on Financial

1	Services of the House of Rep-
2	resentatives, provided that the
3	Deputy Assistant Secretary and
4	Chief Risk Officer (or, if not yet
5	appointed, the Commissioner of
6	the Federal Housing Administra-
7	tion) shall be provided an addi-
8	tional 30 days from the date of
9	receipt of such request to satisfy
10	such request;
11	"(III) an analysis of mortgages
12	insured under title II of the National
13	Housing Act that were made not less
14	than 6 months and not more than 36
15	months before the date of the report
16	and are in the lowest quartile and
17	decile of loan performance, which
18	shall include—
19	"(aa) a description of the
20	characteristics described in sub-
21	clause (I) for mortgages in the
22	lowest quartile and decile of loan
23	performance; and
24	"(bb) a comparison of the
25	characteristics described in sub-

1	clause (I) between mortgages in
2	the lowest quartile and decile of
3	loan performance and all other
4	mortgages insured under title II
5	of the National Housing Act;
6	"(IV) recommendations by the
7	Deputy Assistant Secretary and Chief
8	Risk Officer for revisions to the un-
9	derwriting standards of the Secretary
10	for mortgages eligible to be insured
11	under title II of the National Housing
12	Act based on the findings of the re-
13	port, and a response to those rec-
14	ommendations from the Secretary;
15	and
16	"(V) a quantitative analysis of
17	the effects of any revisions to the un-
18	derwriting standards made by the
19	Secretary in response to the findings
20	of a prior report, and any rec-
21	ommendations of the Deputy Assist-
22	ant Secretary and Chief Risk Officer
23	in response to those revisions.".
24	(b) Conforming Amendment.—Section 202(a)(4)
25	of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1708(a)(4)) is

- 1 amended by inserting after the first sentence the fol-
- 2 lowing: "The independent actuary commissioned to carry
- 3 out the annual independent actuarial study required under
- 4 this paragraph shall submit such study to the Deputy As-
- 5 sistant Secretary and Chief Risk Officer.".
- 6 SEC. 913. DISCLOSURE OF EVENTS.
- 7 Section 202(a)(4) of the National Housing Act (12
- 8 U.S.C. 1708(a)(4)) is amended—
- 9 (1) by striking "The Secretary shall" and in-
- serting the following:
- 11 "(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall"; and
- 12 (2) by adding at the end the following:
- 13 "(2) Disclosure of unforeseen events.—
- 14 "(A) IN GENERAL.—Prior to the submis-
- sion of any report of the Secretary under para-
- graph (1), the Secretary shall require that the
- independent actuary commissioned to perform
- the study required under paragraph (1) disclose
- to the Secretary any events or circumstances
- that occur after the study is completed but be-
- 21 fore the report is submitted to Congress and
- 22 that would have resulted in changes to the in-
- puts or assumptions the actuary used to make
- forecasts about the financial position of the
- Fund, if such changes are sufficiently signifi-

cant that a reasonable person would expect
them to substantially alter the actuary's forecasts of the economic value of the Fund or the
actuary's projections relating to the capital reserve ratio of the Fund.

"(B) Informing congress.—The Secretary shall inform Congress of any disclosures required under subparagraph (A) either by—

"(i) the submission of an addendum to the report of the Secretary required under paragraph (1); or

"(ii) a letter from the Secretary addressed to the Committee on Banking,
Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate
and the Committee on Financial Services
of the House of Representatives.".

17 SEC. 1014. GAO STUDY ON DISCLOSURES.

(a) In General.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a one-time study of the relevant information disclosed by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development in conjunction with the release of the annual actuarial report of the Secretary required under section 202(a)(4) of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1708(a)(4)).

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- 1 (b) REQUIRED CONSULTATION.—In conducting the
- 2 study required under subsection (a), the Comptroller Gen-
- 3 eral shall consult, as appropriate, with prominent United
- 4 States academics with national recognition and significant
- 5 depth of experience in the housing market and the per-
- 6 formance of high loan-to-value lending.
- 7 (c) Required Review.—In carrying out the study
- 8 required under subsection (a), the Comptroller General
- 9 shall review and make recommendations regarding—
- 10 (1) if a reasonable amount of relevant data and
- analyses are being disclosed by the Secretary of
- Housing and Urban Development to the public, for
- research, in conjunction with the release of the an-
- nual actuarial report of the Secretary required under
- section 202(a)(4) of the National Housing Act (12
- 16 U.S.C. 1708(a)(4); and
- 17 (2) the disclosure by the Secretary of additional
- 18 relevant data and analyses to the public, for re-
- search purposes.
- 20 (d) Follow Up.—Not later than 12 months after the
- 21 release of the study required under subsection (a), the
- 22 Comptroller General shall conduct an additional report re-
- 23 garding the actions of the Secretary of Housing and
- 24 Urban Development in carrying out any recommendations

1	of the Comptroller General made pursuant to subsection
2	(e)(2).
3	SEC. 1115. STABILIZING THE HECM PROGRAM.
4	(a) In General.—Section 255 of the National
5	Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1715z–20) is amended—
6	(1) in subsection (d)(8)—
7	(A) by inserting "property maintenance,"
8	before "insurance"; and
9	(B) by inserting ", including matters that
10	set forth terms and provisions for establishing
11	escrow accounts, performing financial assess-
12	ments, or limiting the amount of any payment
13	made available under the mortgage" before the
14	semicolon; and
15	(B) by inserting "the establishment of es-
16	crow accounts or set-asides, the limiting of
17	amounts of any payment made available under
18	the mortgage," after "payment of taxes";
19	(C) by striking "may" and inserting
20	"shall"; and
21	(D) by inserting ", including matters that
22	set forth the terms and provisions for performing
23	financial assessments" before the semicolon;
24	(2) in subsection (h)—

1	(A) in paragraph (1), by striking "; and"
2	and inserting a semicolon;
3	(B) in paragraph (2), by striking the pe-
4	riod and inserting "; and"; and
5	(C) by adding at the end the following new
6	paragraph:
7	"(3) by notice or mortgagee letter, establish any
8	additional or alternative requirements that the Sec-
9	retary, in his or her discretion, determines necessary
10	to more effectively earry out the purposes of the pro-
11	gram authorized under this section, and any such
12	notice or mortgagee letter shall take effect upon
13	issuance and expire not later than 24 months after
14	the date of issuance of the notice or mortgagee let-
15	ter.''.
16	(2) in subsection (h)(3), as added by the Reverse
17	Mortgage Stabilization Act of 2013 (Public Law 113-
18	29), by striking "any additional or alternative re-
19	quirements" and inserting "requirements pertaining
20	to escrow accounts or set-asides, financial assessments,
21	or limiting the amount of any payment made avail-
22	able under the mortgage, as authorized under sub-
23	section (d)(8),"; and
24	(3) by adding at the end the following:

1	"(s) Escrow Accounts or Set-Asides.—In car-
2	rying out the program authorized under this section, the
3	Secretary shall require the establishment of an escrow ac-
4	count or set-aside in any instance where the Secretary de-
5	termines, after a financial assessment of the mortgagor has
6	been completed, that such an account or set-aside would
7	mitigate the risk of loss to the mortgagee, the mortgagor,
8	the program, or the Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund.".
9	(b) Limitation on Authority.—The authority of the
10	Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to issue any
11	notice or mortgagee letter pursuant to section 255(h)(3) of
12	the National Housing Act, as added by the Reverse Mort-
13	gage Stabilization Act of 2013 (Public Law 113–29) shall
14	expire not later than 24 months after the date of enactment
15	of this Act.
16	(bc) Rulemaking.—
17	(1) In general.—In carrying out the author-
18	ity provided to the Secretary of Housing and Urban
19	Development under section 255(h)(3) of the Na-
20	tional Housing Act, as added by subsection (a) as
21	added by the Reverse Mortgage Stabilization Act of
22	2013 (Public Law 113–29), the Secretary shall—
23	(A) not later than 90 days after the
24	issuance of the notice or mortgagee letter pur-
25	suant to such section, issue a notice of proposed

1	rulemaking addressing the same additional or
2	alternative requirements that are the subject of
3	the notice or mortgagee letter; and
4	(B) not later than 24 months after the
5	issuance of the notice of proposed rulemaking
6	required under subparagraph (A)—
7	(i) issue a final rule addressing the
8	same additional or alternative require-
9	ments that are the subject of the notice or
10	mortgagee letter; or
11	(ii) withdraw the notice or mortgagee
12	letter.
13	(2) Failure to comply.—If the Secretary of
14	Housing and Urban Development fails to issue a
15	final rule by the end of the period described under
16	paragraph (1)(B)—
17	(A) the provisions of the notice or mort-
18	gagee letter at issue shall become null and void;
19	(B) the Secretary—
20	(i) shall not have authority to reissue
21	such notice or mortgagee letter; and
22	(ii) may only address the require-
23	ments that are the subject of the notice or
24	mortgagee letter at issue through the pro-
25	mulgation of a regulation pursuant to the

1	rulemaking requirements of title 5, United
2	States Code; and
3	(C) the Secretary and the Director of the
4	Office of Management and Budget shall appear
5	before the Committee on Banking, Housing,
6	and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Com-
7	mittee on Financial Services of the House of
8	Representatives to provide testimony explaining
9	the failure to comply with the requirements of
10	this subsection.
11	(d) Additional Rulemaking Relating to Fixed-
12	RATE FULL DRAW PRODUCTS.—Not later than 1 year after
13	the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Housing
14	and Urban Development shall issue a notice of proposed
15	rulemaking that—
16	(1) eliminates the use, issuance, or establishment
17	of any standard fixed-rate full draw product offered
18	under the home equity conversion mortgage program
19	authorized by section 255 of the National Housing
20	Act (12 U.S.C. 1715z-20); and
21	(2) requires any other fixed-rate full draw prod-
22	uct offered under the home equity conversion mortgage
23	program authorized by section 255 of the National
24	Housing Act not subject to elimination under para-

1	graph (1) to be based on a financial assessment of the
2	mortgagor.
3	(e) Report.—
4	(1) In general.—The Secretary of Housing and
5	Urban Development, on a quarterly basis, shall report
6	to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban
7	Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Financial
8	Services of the House of Representatives on the status
9	and financial condition of each distinct product of-
10	fered under the home equity conversion mortgage pro-
11	gram authorized by section 255 of the National Hous-
12	ing Act, including the HECM Standard Adjustable,
13	HECM Saver Fixed, and HECM Saver Adjustable
14	products.
15	(2) Contents of Report.—The report required
16	under paragraph (1) shall set forth, for each product
17	the—
18	(A) default rates under the product;
19	(B) rate of foreclosure on loans insured pur-
20	suant to each product; and
21	(C) severity and extent of losses incurred on
22	loans insured pursuant to each product.
23	(3) Further study.—Upon review of the infor-
24	mation collected pursuant to this subsection, if the
25	Secretary of Housing and Urban Development deter-

1	mines that any individual product has a default rate
2	measurably higher than the default rates occurring in
3	any other product or is experiencing losses measur-
4	ably higher than losses incurred in any other product,
5	the Secretary shall further study the product and in-
6	clude in the next quarterly report due under para-
7	graph (1)—
8	(A) information identifying and enumer-
9	ating the causes of such higher default rates and
10	severity of losses; and
11	(B) a detailed description of the actions to
12	be taken by the Secretary to correct such ineffi-
13	ciencies.
14	SEC. 16. PRINCIPAL LIMIT FACTOR FOR HECM PROGRAM.
15	Section $255(m)(2)$ of the National Housing Act (12
16	U.S.C. 1715z–20(m)(2)) is amended—
17	(1) by striking "paragraph (1) shall" and insert-
18	ing "paragraph (1)—"
19	"(A) shall";
20	(2) in subparagraph (A), as so designated, by
21	striking the period at the end and inserting "; and";
22	and
23	(3) by adding at the end the following:
24	"(B) in the case of a fixed rate mortgage,

1	section 206.3 of title 24, Code of Federal Regula-
2	tions) with a principal limit factor in excess of
3	.61.".
4	SEC. 1217. PUBLICATION OF FINAL RULES RELATING TO
5	LIMITING SELLER CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS
6	PURCHASE RELATED EXPENSES.
7	(a) REQUIRED COMPLETION OF RULE.—Not later
8	than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the
9	Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall—
10	(1) issue and publish its final rule to implement
11	the proposed rule entitled "Federal Housing Admin-
12	istration (FHA) Risk Management Initiatives: Re-
13	vised Seller Concessions" (77 Fed. Reg. 10695
14	(February 23, 2012)); and
15	(2) ensure that the final rule required under
16	paragraph (1)—
17	(A) limits the amount a seller or interested
18	third party, or both, may contribute towards
19	the purchase-related expenses of a borrower
20	without reducing the maximum insured amount
21	of a mortgage insured under title II of the Na-
22	tional Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1707 et seq.);
23	and
24	(B) defines the acceptable types of ex-
25	penses that a seller or interested third party, or

- both, may contribute under subparagraph (A),
- 2 such as closing costs, prepaid expenses, dis-
- 3 count points, up-front mortgage insurance pre-
- 4 miums, and interest rate buydowns.
- 5 (b) Failure To Comply.—If the Secretary of Hous-
- 6 ing and Urban Development fails to issue a final rule by
- 7 the end of the period described under subsection (a), the
- 8 Secretary and the Director of Office of Management and
- 9 Budget shall appear before the Committee on Banking,
- 10 Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Com-
- 11 mittee on Financial Services of the House of Representa-
- 12 tives to provide testimony explaining the failure to comply
- 13 with the requirements of this section.
- 14 SEC. 18. GAO STUDY ON FHA LOAN LIMITS.
- 15 (a) In General.—The Comptroller General of the
- 16 United States shall conduct a one-time study to determine
- 17 the appropriate dollar amount limitation on the maximum
- 18 original principal obligation of a mortgage that may be in-
- 19 sured under title II of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C.
- 20 1701 et seq.).
- 21 (b) Required Review.—In carrying out the study re-
- 22 quired under subsection (a), the Comptroller General shall
- 23 review and make recommendations regarding the appro-
- 24 priate methodology for further adjustments to the dollar
- 25 amount limitation, including adjustments for inflation,

- 1 varying home prices across different regions of the United
- 2 States, and the effects of economic downturns.
- 3 (c) Report.—Not later than 1 year after the date of
- 4 enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall submit
- 5 a report to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban
- 6 Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Financial Serv-
- 7 ices of the House of Representatives on the results of the
- 8 study conducted pursuant to subsection (a), including its
- 9 reasons justifying its determination.

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