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# H. R. 1690

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and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois (for himself, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Ms. MOORE, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Mr. CLAY, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. CLYBURN, Ms. FUDGE, Mr. COHEN, and Mr. ROSE of New York) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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## A BILL

To require carbon monoxide detectors in certain federally  
assisted housing, 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.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Safe Housing for Fam-  
5 ilies Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS IN FEDERALLY AS-**  
7 **SISTED HOUSING.**

8 (a) SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY.—  
9 Subsection (j) of section 202 of the Housing Act of 1949

1 (12 U.S.C. 1701q(j)) is amended by adding at the end  
2 the following:

3 “(9) CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS.—

4 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each owner of a  
5 dwelling unit assisted under this section shall  
6 ensure that not less than one carbon monoxide  
7 detector is installed per floor in the dwelling  
8 unit in accordance with standards and criteria  
9 acceptable to the Secretary for the protection of  
10 occupants in the dwelling unit.

11 “(B) REHABILITATION.—Each owner of a  
12 dwelling unit assisted under this section that is  
13 located in a property that is undergoing or  
14 planning a substantial rehabilitation project  
15 shall ensure that, during that rehabilitation, not  
16 less than one carbon monoxide detector is in-  
17 stalled per floor in the dwelling unit in accord-  
18 ance with standards and criteria acceptable to  
19 the Secretary for the protection of occupants in  
20 the dwelling unit.”.

21 (b) SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR PERSONS WITH DIS-  
22 ABILITIES.—Subsection (j) of section 811 of the Cranston-  
23 Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C.  
24 8013(j)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

25 “(7) CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS.—

1           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each dwelling unit as-  
2           sisted under this section shall contain not less  
3           than one carbon monoxide detector installed per  
4           floor of the dwelling unit in accordance with  
5           standards and criteria acceptable to the Sec-  
6           retary for the protection of occupants in the  
7           dwelling unit.

8           “(B) REHABILITATION.—Each dwelling  
9           unit assisted under this section that is located  
10          in a property that is undergoing or planning a  
11          substantial rehabilitation project shall, during  
12          that rehabilitation, have installed not less than  
13          one carbon monoxide detector per floor of the  
14          dwelling unit in accordance with standards and  
15          criteria acceptable to the Secretary for the pro-  
16          tection of occupants in the dwelling unit.”.

17          (c) PUBLIC HOUSING.—Subsection (a) of section 3  
18          of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C.  
19          1437a(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

20               “(8) CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS.—

21               “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each public housing  
22               agency shall ensure, for each dwelling unit in  
23               public housing owned or operated by the public  
24               housing agency, that not less than one carbon  
25               monoxide detector is installed per floor in the

dwelling unit in accordance with standards and criteria acceptable to the Secretary for the protection of occupants in the dwelling unit.

“(B) REHABILITATION.—With respect to public housing for which a public housing agency is undergoing or planning a substantial rehabilitation project, the public housing agency shall ensure that, during that rehabilitation, not less than one carbon monoxide detector is installed per floor in each dwelling unit located in that public housing in accordance with standards and criteria acceptable to the Secretary for the protection of occupants in the dwelling unit.”.

(d) SECTION 8 HOUSING.—Subsection (o) of section 8 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(21) CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Each owner of a dwelling unit receiving tenant-based assistance or project-based assistance under this subsection shall ensure that not less than one carbon monoxide detector is installed per floor in the dwelling unit in accordance with standards

1 and criteria acceptable to the Secretary for the  
2 protection of occupants in the dwelling unit.

3 “(B) REHABILITATION.—With respect to a  
4 property receiving tenant-based assistance or  
5 project-based assistance for which the owner is  
6 undergoing or planning a substantial rehabilita-  
7 tion project, the owner shall ensure that, during  
8 that rehabilitation, not less than one carbon  
9 monoxide detector is installed per floor in each  
10 dwelling unit assisted in that property in ac-  
11 cordance with standards and criteria acceptable  
12 to the Secretary for the protection of occupants  
13 in the dwelling unit.”.

14 (e) ADDITIONAL FUNDING.—There is authorized to  
15 be appropriated to carry out the amendments made by this  
16 Act \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020 through  
17 2029.

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