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H. R. 5894

To provide funding for the Emergency Food and Shelter Program of the Federal Emergency Management Agency for housing-related assistance needed to prevent homelessness of families in connection with foreclosures on their residences.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 24, 2008

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Emergency Housing
5 Assistance Act of 2008”.

1 **SEC. 2. FUNDING FOR EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER**
2 **PROGRAM.**

3 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
4 authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2008,
5 \$300,000,000 to remain available until expended, for
6 grants under the Emergency Food and Shelter Program
7 under title III of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assist-
8 ance Act (42 U.S.C. 11331 et seq.). Of any amounts made
9 available pursuant to this section not more than 3.5 per-
10 cent may be used for the costs of administration.

11 (b) USES.—Notwithstanding section 313(a) of the
12 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
13 11343(a))—

14 (1) grants to the Emergency Food and Shelter
15 Program National Board (in this subsection referred
16 to as the “National Board”) made under this sec-
17 tion, and any monies received by any private non-
18 profit organization or local government from the Na-
19 tional Board from such amounts, may be used solely
20 for housing-related assistance needed to prevent
21 homelessness in connection with the foreclosure on a
22 dwelling occupied by an eligible family, which shall
23 include relocation expenses, security and utility de-
24 posits, mortgage payments, rent payments, utility
25 payments, and other foreclosure or eviction preven-
26 tion expenses;

1 (2) an eligible family may receive assistance
2 under this section for no more than 3 months;

3 (3) assistance under this section shall be pro-
4 vided directly to mortgage servicers, property man-
5 agers, utility companies, or other entities necessary
6 to prevent the homelessness of the eligible family; no
7 funds shall be provided directly to the eligible family;
8 and

9 (4) to ensure that funds are only used for the
10 purposes specified in paragraph (1), the National
11 Board and any private nonprofit organization or
12 local government receiving monies from the National
13 Board shall maintain such monies in an account sep-
14 arate from other funds provided under the Emer-
15 gency Food and Shelter Program.

16 (c) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

17 (1) ELIGIBLE FAMILY.—The term “eligible
18 family” means a family, including a single-person
19 family, that—

20 (A) owns or rents a dwelling subject to
21 foreclosure or a unit in a dwelling subject to
22 foreclosure;

23 (B) is legally responsible for the rent or
24 mortgage payment on the dwelling subject to

1 foreclosure or a unit in the dwelling subject to
2 foreclosure; and

3 (C) does not have the financial resources
4 to avoid becoming homeless if the dwelling the
5 family occupies is foreclosed upon.

6 (2) DWELLING.—The term “dwelling” means a
7 property consisting of from one to four dwelling
8 units, a multifamily property consisting of five or
9 more dwelling units, or a dwelling unit in such a
10 multifamily property.

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