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H. R. 10017

To amend the United States Housing Act of 1937 to provide for training for employees of public housing agencies regarding issues relating to the abuse, neglect, or exploitation of elder persons.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TORRES of New York 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 “Elder Abuse Preven-
5 tion in Public Housing Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TRAINING REGARDING ISSUES RELATING TO THE**
2 **ABUSE, NEGLECT, OR EXPLOITATION OF**
3 **ELDER PERSONS.**

4 Title I of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42
5 U.S.C. 1437 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
6 the following:

7 **“SEC. 39. TRAINING REGARDING ISSUES RELATING TO THE**
8 **ABUSE, NEGLECT, OR EXPLOITATION OF**
9 **ELDER PERSONS.**

10 “(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall require each
11 public housing agency receiving assistance under this Act
12 who have a responsibility for administering the housing
13 assistance program under section 8 provide adequate
14 training to all employees with respect to prevention, identi-
15 fication, and intervention as it relates to signs of abuse,
16 neglect, and exploitation of elder persons that receive as-
17 sistance under the housing assistance program under sec-
18 tion 8.

19 “(b) **CONSULTATION REQUIRED.**— The Secretary
20 shall require each public housing agency to, each year,
21 consult with local elder abuse organizations, multidisci-
22 plinary teams, State agencies, local agencies, or Tribal
23 agencies, as appropriate, when designing the training pro-
24 vided to employees pursuant to subsection (a).

25 “(c) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

1 “(1) The terms ‘abuse’, ‘neglect’, and ‘exploit-
2 tation’ have the meaning given such terms in section
3 2011 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1397j).

4 “(2) The term ‘elder person’ has the meaning
5 given such term in section 2011 of the Social Secu-
6 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1397j).”.

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