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# H. R. 4860

To ensure that residents of covered federally assisted rental housing may lawfully possess firearms, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 25, 2023

Mr. FEENSTRA (for himself, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. LATURNER, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. BACON, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. TIFFANY, Mr. MEUSER, Mr. LAMBORN, Mrs. HINSON, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. MOONEY, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. BABIN, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, Mr. STEUBE, Ms. MACE, Mr. FULCHER, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. CLOUD, Mrs. CAMMACK, Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia, Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. HARRIS, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. FERGUSON, Mr. MANN, Mr. DAVIDSON, Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana, and Mr. ROSE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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## 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 “Preserving Rights Of  
5 Tenants by Ensuring Compliance To the Second Amend-

1 ment Act” or the “PROTECT the Second Amendment  
2 Act”.

3 **SEC. 2. FIREARMS IN COVERED FEDERALLY ASSISTED**  
4 **RENTAL HOUSING.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—No resident of covered federally  
6 assisted rental housing may be prohibited from, nor sub-  
7 ject to additional restrictions or conditions when, lawfully  
8 possessing a firearm within—

9 (1) the residential dwelling unit occupied by the  
10 resident; or

11 (2) any common area of the covered federally  
12 assisted rental housing in which the resident resides  
13 if the resident is carrying or transporting the fire-  
14 arm through such area during the course of jour-  
15 neying to the residential dwelling unit of the resident  
16 or exiting the covered federally assisted rental hous-  
17 ing.

18 (b) COVERED FEDERALLY ASSISTED RENTAL HOUS-  
19 ING.—The term “covered federally assisted rental hous-  
20 ing” means a residential dwelling unit that is made avail-  
21 able for rental and for which assistance is provided, or  
22 that is part of a housing project for which assistance is  
23 provided, under any program administered by the Sec-  
24 retary of Housing and Urban Development or the Sec-  
25 retary of Agriculture including—

1           (1) the public housing program under the  
2 United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437  
3 et seq.);

4           (2) the program for rental assistance under sec-  
5 tion 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42  
6 U.S.C. 1437f);

7           (3) the HOME Investment Partnerships pro-  
8 gram under title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez Na-  
9 tional Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12721 et  
10 seq.);

11           (4) the Housing Trust Fund program under  
12 section 1338 of the Housing and Community Devel-  
13 opment Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 4568);

14           (5) the program for supportive housing for per-  
15 sons with disabilities under section 811 of the Cran-  
16 ston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42  
17 U.S.C. 8013);

18           (6) the AIDS Housing Opportunities program  
19 under subtitle D of title VIII of the Cranston-Gon-  
20 zalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C.  
21 12901 et seq.);

22           (7) the program for Native American housing  
23 under the Native American Housing Assistance and  
24 Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4101 et  
25 seq.);

1           (8) the program for housing assistance for Na-  
2           tive Hawaiians under title VIII of the Native Amer-  
3           ican Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act  
4           of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4221 et seq.); and

5           (9) the programs for assistance for rural rental  
6           housing under title V of the Housing Act of 1949  
7           (42 U.S.C. 1471 et seq.).

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