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# H. R. 3165

To amend title 10, United States Code, to establish additional requirements for a military housing complaint database.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania (for himself, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. RESCHENTHALER, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. ESCOBAR, and Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed 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 “Military Housing  
5 Transparency and Accountability Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHING ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR A**  
7 **MILITARY HOUSING COMPLAINT DATABASE.**

8 Section 2894a of title 10, United States Code, is  
9 amended—

1           (1) in subsection (a) by striking “regarding  
2 housing units” and inserting “by a tenant regarding  
3 covered dwelling units”;

4           (2) in subsections (c) and (d) by striking “hous-  
5 ing unit” each place it appears and inserting “cov-  
6 ered dwelling unit”; and

7           (3) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-  
8 lowing new subsections:

9           “(f) ANNUAL REPORT.—

10           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Deputy Assistant Sec-  
11 retary of Defense for Housing shall submit to the  
12 Committees on Armed Services of the House of Rep-  
13 resentatives and the Senate, and make available to  
14 each Secretary of a military department, an annual  
15 report that includes, during the year covered by such  
16 report—

17           “(A) a summary of the data collected  
18 using the database established under subsection  
19 (a);

20           “(B) an aggregation of the complaints cat-  
21 egorized by type, in accordance with paragraph  
22 (2), and military installation, if applicable; and

23           “(C) the actions taken to remedy com-  
24 plaints received during the period covered by  
25 such report.

1           “(2) TYPE OF COMPLAINTS.—In categorizing  
2           complaints by type pursuant to paragraph (1)(B),  
3           the Secretary shall aggregate complaints based on  
4           the following categories:

5                   “(A) Physiological hazards, including  
6                   dampness and mold growth, lead-based paint,  
7                   asbestos and manmade fibers, radiation,  
8                   biocides, carbon monoxide, and volatile organic  
9                   compounds.

10                   “(B) Psychological hazards, including ease  
11                   of access by unlawful intruders, faulty locks or  
12                   alarms, and lighting issues.

13                   “(C) Safety hazards.

14                   “(D) Maintenance timeliness.

15                   “(E) Maintenance quality.

16           “(g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

17                   “(1) The term ‘covered dwelling unit’ means a  
18                   unit of accompanied family housing, unaccompanied  
19                   housing, or barracks—

20                           “(A) in which a member of the armed  
21                           forces resides; and

22                           “(B) that the member does not own.

23                   “(2) The term ‘tenant’ means any of the fol-  
24           lowing:

1           “(A) A member of the armed forces who  
2 resides in a covered dwelling unit.

3           “(B) A dependent of a member described  
4 in subparagraph (A) who resides in a covered  
5 dwelling unit.”.

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