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Purpose: To improve the administration of privatized military housing.

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To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2020 for military activities of the Department of Defense for military personnel and other purposes.

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1 At the end of subtitle C of title XXX, add the fol-
2 lowing:

3 **SEC. 3048. IMPROVEMENTS TO PRIVATIZED MILITARY**
4 **HOUSING.**

5 (a) MOLD ASSESSMENT AND REMEDIATION.—The
6 Secretary concerned shall establish standard mold assess-
7 ment and mold remediation requirements and standard
8 operating procedures for mold assessment and remediation
9 in agreements entered into with landlords of privatized
10 military housing under the jurisdiction of the Secretary

1 concerned based on Federal Government guidelines and
2 industry standards.

3 (b) ADVISORY GROUP ON PRIVATIZED MILITARY
4 HOUSING AGREEMENTS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
6 shall establish a temporary and independent advisory
7 group to assist the Department of Defense in the re-
8 negotiation of agreements with landlords of
9 privatized military housing.

10 (2) MEMBERS.—The Secretary shall appoint to
11 the advisory group under paragraph (1) subject mat-
12 ters experts—

13 (A) from Federal agencies other than the
14 Department of Defense; and

15 (B) from outside the Federal Government.

16 (3) DUTIES.—The advisory group under para-
17 graph (1) shall ensure that agreements with land-
18 lords of privatized military housing require the fol-
19 lowing:

20 (A) The oversight of privatized military
21 housing by independent, credentialed, and high-
22 quality housing inspectors.

23 (B) The adherence of landlords to Federal,
24 State, and local laws relating to environmental
25 and safety hazards.

1 (C) The use of appropriately credentialed
2 and skilled contractors for maintenance.

3 (D) Direct access by tenants to a tenant
4 housing advocate.

5 (E) The establishment of an independent
6 third-party arbiter for dispute resolution.

7 (F) The issuance of clear penalties for the
8 landlord when the landlord does not meet its
9 obligations under the agreement.

10 (4) TERMINATION.—The advisory group estab-
11 lished under paragraph (1) shall terminate on the
12 date that is one year after the date of the enactment
13 of this Act.

14 (c) TRAINING FOR MILITARY HOUSING PROFES-
15 SIONALS.—The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that
16 military housing professionals at each installation of the
17 Department of Defense are trained on issues relating to
18 environmental and safety hazards and State and local
19 laws.

20 (d) ROLES OF STATE AND LOCAL HOUSING AU-
21 THORITIES.—The Secretary of Defense shall clarify to
22 each landlord of privatized military housing and each
23 State in which privatized military housing is located the
24 roles and responsibilities of State and local housing au-

1 thorities in the oversight of privatized military housing
2 units.

3 (e) SECRETARY CONCERNED DEFINED.—In this sec-
4 tion, the term “Secretary concerned” has the meaning
5 given that term in section 101(9) of title 10, United States
6 Code.