

119TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 7597

To amend the Department of Housing and Urban Development Act to require that the annual report of the Department of Housing and Urban Development include an identification of significant regulatory barriers to affordable housing.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 17, 2026

Mr. LAWLER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Financial Services

A BILL

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1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Affordable Housing
3 Barriers Transparency Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. IDENTIFICATION OF REGULATORY BARRIERS TO**
2 **AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN HUD ANNUAL RE-**
3 **PORT.**

4 Section 8 of the Department of Housing and Urban
5 Development Act (42 U.S.C. 3536) is amended by adding
6 at the end the following: “Each such annual report shall
7 include an identification of significant regulatory barriers
8 to affordable housing, within the meaning of such term
9 as provided in the first sentence of section 1203 of the
10 Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (42
11 U.S.C. 12705b), and a discussion and analysis of how to
12 reduce or remove such barriers.”.

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