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[Report No. 112-25]

To rescind the unobligated funding for the FHA Refinance Program and to terminate the program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 28, 2011

Mr. DOLD (for himself, Mr. BACHUS, and Mrs. BIGGERT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

March 7, 2011

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A BILL

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3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

4 This Act may be cited as the "FHA Refinance Pro5 gram Termination Act".

6 SEC. 2. RESCISSION OF FUNDING FOR FHA REFINANCE 7 PROGRAM.

8 Effective on the date of the enactment of this Act, 9 there are resended and permanently canceled all unex-10 pended balances remaining available as of such date of enactment of the amounts made available under title I of 11 12 the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act (Public Law 110–343; 12 U.S.C. 5211 et seq.) that have been allocated 13 for use under the FHA Refinance Program (pursuant to 14 Mortgagee Letter 2010–23 of the Secretary of Housing 15 and Urban Development) of the Making Home Affordable 16 initiative of the Secretary of the Treasury. 17

18 SEC. 3. TERMINATION OF FHA REFINANCE PROGRAM.

(a) TERMINATION OF MORTGAGEE LETTER.—The
Mortgagee Letter referred to in section 2 shall be void and
have no effect and the Secretary of Housing and Urban
Development may not issue any regulation, order, notice,
or mortgagee letter based on or substantially similar to
such Mortgagee Letter.

1 (b) TREATMENT OF REMAINING FUNDS.—Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, any amounts made 2 available for use under the Program referred to in section 3 4 2 of this Act and expended before the date of the enact-5 ment of this Act shall continue to be governed by the Mortgagee Letter specified in subsection (a) of this see-6 tion, and any other provisions of law, regulations, orders, 7 8 and notices, applicable to such amounts, as in effect imme-9 diately before such date of enactment.

10 (c) TERMINATION.—After the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development may 11 not newly insure any mortgage under the FHA Refinance 12 Program referred to in section 2 of this Act except pursu-13 ant to a commitment to insure made before such enact-14 15 ment, and upon the completion of all activities with respeet to such commitments under the provisions of law, 16 regulations, orders, notices, and mortgagee letters referred 17 to in subsection (b) of this section, the Secretary of Hous-18 ing and Urban Development shall terminate the FHA Re-19 finance Program referred to in section 2. 20

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14 (d) STUDY OF USE OF PROGRAM BY MEMBERS OF THE
15 ARMED FORCES, VETERANS, AND GOLD STAR RECIPI16 ENTS.—

17 (1) STUDY.—The Secretary of Housing and
18 Urban Development shall conduct a study to deter19 mine the extent of usage of the FHA Refinance Pro20 gram referred to in section 2 by, and the impact of
21 such program on, covered homeowners.

(2) REPORT.—Not later than the expiration of
the 90-day period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the
Congress a report setting forth the results of the study

1	under paragraph (1) and identifying best practices,
2	with respect to covered homeowners, that could be ap-
3	plied to the FHA Refinance Program.
4	(3) Covered homeowner.—For purposes of
5	this subsection, the term "covered homeowner" means
6	a homeowner who is—
7	(A) a member of the Armed Forces of the
8	United States on active duty or the spouse or
9	parent of such a member;
10	(B) a veteran, as such term is defined in
11	section 101 of title 38, United States Code; or
12	(C) eligible to receive a Gold Star lapel pin
13	under section 1126 of title 10, United States
14	Code, as a widow, parent, or next of kin of a
15	member of the Armed Forces person who died in
16	a manner described in subsection (a) of such sec-
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