

## HR 5772

Frank Melville Supportive Housing Investment Act of 2008

**Congress:** 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Housing and Community Development

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**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (Oct 2, 2008)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT-5]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** CT • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (17 total)

| Cosponsor                           | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Rep. Biggert, Judy [R-IL-13]        | R · IL        |      | Apr 10, 2008 |
| Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. [D-NJ-6]   | D · NJ        |      | May 20, 2008 |
| Rep. Towns, Edolphus [D-NY-10]      | D · NY        |      | May 20, 2008 |
| Rep. Filner, Bob [D-CA-51]          | D · CA        |      | Jun 4, 2008  |
| Rep. Frank, Barney [D-MA-4]         | D · MA        |      | Jun 4, 2008  |
| Rep. Ellison, Keith [D-MN-5]        | D · MN        |      | Jun 5, 2008  |
| Rep. Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-6]     | D · NY        |      | Jun 12, 2008 |
| Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]          | D · TN        |      | Jun 17, 2008 |
| Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-9]     | D · MA        |      | Jun 17, 2008 |
| Rep. Green, Al [D-TX-9]             | D · TX        |      | Jun 18, 2008 |
| Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-35]       | D · CA        |      | Jun 20, 2008 |
| Rep. Hinojosa, Ruben [D-TX-15]      | D · TX        |      | Jun 24, 2008 |
| Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-13]         | D · NJ        |      | Jun 26, 2008 |
| Rep. Altmire, Jason [D-PA-4]        | D · PA        |      | Jul 9, 2008  |
| Rep. Rothman, Steven R. [D-NJ-9]    | D · NJ        |      | Jul 9, 2008  |
| Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9] | D · IL        |      | Jul 9, 2008  |
| Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-3]    | D · MA        |      | Sep 8, 2008  |

### Committee Activity

| Committee                                     | Chamber | Activity        | Date         |
|---|---------|-----------------|--------------|
| Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee | Senate  | Referred To     | Oct 2, 2008  |
| Financial Services Committee                  | House   | Discharged from | Jul 30, 2008 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Housing and Community Development

Related Bills

| Bill       | Relationship | Last Action  |
|------------|--------------|--|
| 110 S 3593 | Related bill | Sep 25, 2008: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. |

**(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the House on September 15, 2008. The summary of that version is repeated here.)**

Frank Melville Supportive Housing Investment Act of 2008 - (Sec. 2) Amends the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (the Act) to revise requirements for supportive housing for persons with disabilities. (Retains authority to provide such assistance to private nonprofit organizations to expand the supply of such housing.)

Repeals the authority of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to provide tenant-based rental assistance directly to eligible persons with disabilities.

Authorizes appropriations for such assistance under section 8 (rental voucher program) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 for persons with disabilities in FY2009 in the amount necessary to provide the same number of incremental vouchers provided in FY2008.

Requires the Secretary to issue guidance to public housing agencies (PHAs) receiving voucher assistance under this Act, as well as those that received such assistance under the United States Housing Act of 1937 for incremental vouchers for non-elderly disabled families during FY1997-FY2002, in order to ensure that such vouchers continue to be provided upon turnover to qualified persons with disabilities or to qualified non-elderly disabled families.

(Sec. 3) Modifies project rental assistance contract requirements, including renewal of, and increases in, annual contract amounts.

Requires initial contracts with the sponsor of a project assisted with any low-income housing tax credit or with any tax-exempt housing bonds to have an initial term of up to 360 months and to provide funding for 60 months.

Revises the requirement that all units in housing assisted by capital advances and project rental assistance contracts be made available for occupancy by very low-income persons with disabilities for at least 40 years.

Requires the Secretary, within 30 days of issuing certain capital advances for multifamily projects (except group homes or independent living facilities), to delegate review and processing of such projects to a state or local housing agency meeting specified criteria.

Revises tenant selection procedures.

Requires a lease between a tenant and a housing owner to be for at least one year.

Revises the application of cost limitations developed by the Secretary to supportive housing. Authorizes the Secretary to waive such limitations.

Requires the Secretary to: (1) establish a minimum percentage of capital advances per fiscal year for multifamily projects; and (2) carry out a project rental assistance competitive demonstration program to expand the supply of supportive housing for non-elderly adults with disabilities and with extremely low-incomes or for extremely low-income households that include at least one disabled person.

(Sec. 5) Repeals the Secretary's authority to require an owner to deposit an amount up to \$10,000 in a special escrow account to assure the owner's commitment to the housing.

(Sec. 6) Authorizes appropriations for FY2008-FY2012.

(Sec. 7) Requires the Secretary to issue new regulations and guidance for the program under the Act for supportive housing for persons with disabilities to carry out such program in accordance with the amendments made by this Act.

(Sec. 8) Directs the Comptroller General to study and report to Congress on the adequacy and effectiveness of the program in assisting households of persons with disabilities.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Oct 2, 2008:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
- **Sep 18, 2008:** Received in the Senate.
- **Sep 17, 2008:** Mr. Murphy (CT) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 17, 2008:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H8358-8363)
- **Sep 17, 2008:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5772.
- **Sep 17, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H8358-8361)
- **Sep 17, 2008:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H8358-8361)
- **Sep 17, 2008:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 15, 2008:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Financial Services. H. Rept. 110-845.
- **Sep 15, 2008:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 546.
- **Jul 30, 2008:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 30, 2008:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jul 30, 2008:** Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity Discharged.
- **Jun 20, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity.
- **Jun 20, 2008:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Apr 10, 2008:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 10, 2008:** Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.