

## HR 3891

Safe and Healthy Housing Act of 2009

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Housing and Community Development

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** PA • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 18, 2010
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Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 22, 2009
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Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 21, 2009

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Housing and Community Development

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Safe and Healthy Housing Act of 2009 - Directs the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to evaluate the health effects of housing-related health hazards for which limited research or understanding of causes or associations exists.

Directs the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), acting through the Director of the Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control (Director), to implement studies of the assessment, prevention, and control of housing-related health hazards.

Directs the Administrator of the EPA to study how sustainable building features in existing housing affect the quality of the indoor environment, the prevalence of housing-related health hazards, and the health of occupants.

Directs the Secretary of HUD, acting through the Director, to complete the analysis of data collected for the National Survey on Lead and Allergens in Housing and the American Healthy Housing Survey.

Directs the Administrator of the EPA to expand current indoor environmental monitoring efforts to establish baseline levels of indoor chemical pollutants and their sources.

Requires the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to determine the data and resources needed to establish a healthy housing data collection system.

Directs the Secretary of HUD, acting through the Director, to: (1) develop improved methods for evaluating, reducing, and preventing health hazards in housing; (2) support development of objective measures for a healthy residential environment; (3) promote the incorporation of healthy housing principles in post-disaster environments as well as ongoing practices and systems, and of health considerations into green and energy-efficient construction and rehabilitation; (4) improve the dissemination of healthy housing information; and (5) promote state and local level healthy housing efforts.

Amends the Public Health Service Act with respect to the CDC Program Capacity on Housing-Related Health Hazard.

Directs the Administrator of the EPA, acting through the director of the Office of Children's Health Protection and Environmental Education (OCHPEE), to address health hazards in the home environment, with particular attention to children, the elderly, and families with limited resources.

Directs the Secretary of HUD, acting through the Director, to award health hazard reduction grants to reduce significant structural, health, and safety hazards in the home.

Directs the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, to establish a competitive grant program to promote education and outreach on housing-related health hazards.

Amends the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 with respect to enforcement of the lead disclosure rule.

Establishes within the EPA voluntary products and materials and housing labeling programs.

Specifies the duties of the EPA Administrator with respect to the Healthy Home Seal of Approval.

Directs the EPA Administrator, acting through the OCHPEE, to provide public education and outreach on environmental health risks experienced by the elderly, and low-cost methods for addressing them.

Directs the Secretary of HUD, acting through the Director, to award funds for a Health Hazards Outreach competitive grant program.

Directs the Secretary of HUD (acting through the Director), the Director of the CDC, and the Administrator of the EPA to establish a national healthy housing media campaign.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jun 18, 2010:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Energy, and Research.
- **Jun 18, 2010:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry.
- **Oct 22, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Oct 22, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection.
- **Oct 21, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 21, 2009:** Referred to House Energy and Commerce
- **Oct 21, 2009:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Financial Services, and Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **Oct 21, 2009:** Referred to House Financial Services
- **Oct 21, 2009:** Referred to House Agriculture