

HR 4237

Tenant Empowerment Act of 2021

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Housing and Community Development

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Current Status: Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.

Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services. (Jun 29, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Pressley, Ayanna [D-MA-7]

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

Cosponsors (14 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Jun 29, 2021
Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-43]	D · CA		Jun 29, 2021
Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		Jul 6, 2021
Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Jul 20, 2021
Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Jul 27, 2021
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Jul 27, 2021
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Aug 13, 2021
Rep. Torres, Ritchie [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Sep 3, 2021
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Sep 3, 2021
Rep. Espaillat, Adriano [D-NY-13]	D · NY		Sep 10, 2021
Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-12]	D · NY		Sep 10, 2021
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Levin, Andy [D-MI-9]	D · MI		Feb 1, 2022
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Feb 25, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 29, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Housing and Community Development

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jun 29, 2021)

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This bill generally expands the rights of tenants in federally assisted housing.

Specifically, the bill allows tenants to

- place rent in an escrow account in the event that a housing project is found to be in violation of certain housing standards;
- seek judicial enforcement of specified housing agreements; and
- access information related to a housing project, including the ownership, specified reports, and contracts.

The bill also provides for continuing rental assistance payments for tenants if the property is in foreclosure.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 29, 2021:** Introduced in House
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