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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 20 (legislative day, DECEMBER 18), 2001

Ms. SNOWE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-  
2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. EXTENSION OF SECTION 8 CONTRACT RENEW-**

4                   **ALS.**

5       (a) RENEWAL OF EXPIRING PROJECT-BASED SEC-  
6 TION 8 CONTRACTS.—Section 524 of the Multifamily As-  
7 sisted Housing Reform and Affordability Act of 1997 (42  
8 U.S.C. 1437f note) is amended—

9                   (1) in subsection (a)(4)(A)(iv)—

(b) ADJUSTMENTS FOR COVERED PROJECTS.—

19 (B) solely for purposes of determining the  
20 rent levels at which assistance will be provided  
21 pursuant to such first renewal after the date of  
22 enactment of this Act, in the case of a project  
23 for which contract rents were reduced on a  
24 prior renewal of an expiring contract pursuant  
25 to subsection (b)(3) of section 524, as in effect

1       on the day before the date of enactment of this  
2       Act, the contract rent levels in effect imme-  
3       diately prior to such first renewal after the date  
4       of enactment of this Act shall be considered to  
5       be the deemed rent levels described in para-  
6       graph (3)(C).

7               (2) RENT ADJUSTMENTS AFTER INITIAL RE-  
8       NEWAL AFTER ENACTMENT.—After the first renewal  
9       of a contract for assistance of a covered project after  
10      the date of enactment of this Act in accordance with  
11      paragraph (1) of this subsection, the Secretary shall  
12      adjust rents in accordance with section 524(c).

13               (3) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection—

14                       (A) references to “section 524” or any  
15       subdivision thereof are references to section 524  
16       of the Multifamily Assisted Housing Reform  
17       and Affordability Act of 1997 (42 U.S.C. 1437f  
18       note);

19                       (B) the term “covered housing project”  
20       means a project that receives project-based as-  
21       sistance under section 8 of the United States  
22       Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f) which  
23       was renewed prior to the date of enactment of  
24       this Act pursuant to subsection (b)(3) of sec-

3 (C) the term “deemed rent levels” means  
4 the contract rent levels in effect immediately  
5 prior to the first renewal of assistance pursuant  
6 to subsection (b)(3) of section 524, as in effect  
7 on the day before the date of enactment of this  
8 Act, upon which contract rent levels were re-  
9 duced, as adjusted by the applicable operating  
10 cost adjustment factor established by the Sec-  
11 retary at the date of such renewal and at the  
12 date of any subsequent renewal pursuant to  
13 subsection (b)(3) of section 524 occurring be-  
14 fore the date of enactment of this Act; and

15 (D) the term "Secretary" means the Sec-  
16 retary of Housing and Urban Development.

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