

# H. R. 12900

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 31, 1978

Mr. FAUNTROY (for himself, Mr. BARNARD, Mr. EVANS of Delaware, Mr. GERHARDT, Mr. LEACH, Mr. MATTOX, Ms. OAKAR, Mr. PATTISON of New York, Mr. SEIBERLING, and Mrs. SPELLMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs

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## A BILL

To provide for additional assistance for the preservation of historic structures under title I of the National Housing Act.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3       That this Act may be cited as the “Historic Properties Im-  
4       provement Loan Insurance Act of 1978”.

5       SEC. 2. (a) The first paragraph of section 2 (a) of the  
6       National Housing Act is amended by striking out “, and, as  
7       used in this section, the term ‘historic structures’ means” and  
8       all that follows through the period at the end thereof and  
9       inserting in lieu thereof the following: “. The term ‘historic  
10       structures’ means structures which are listed in the National  
11       Register of Historic Places or which are located in a regis-

1 tered historic district and are certified by the Secretary of the  
2 Interior as being of historic significance to the district. The  
3 term 'registered historic district' means (A) any district  
4 listed in the National Register of Historic Places, and (B)  
5 any district (i) which is designated under a statute of the  
6 appropriate State or local government, if such statute is certi-  
7 fied by the Secretary of the Interior to the Secretary as con-  
8 taining criteria which will substantially achieve the purposes  
9 of preserving and rehabilitating buildings of historic signifi-  
10 cance to the district, and (ii) which is certified by the Sec-  
11 retary of the Interior to the Secretary as meeting substan-  
12 tially all of the requirements for the listing of districts in the  
13 National Register. The term 'preservation' means restoration  
14 or rehabilitation of an historic structure which the Secretary  
15 of the Interior has certified to the Secretary as being con-  
16 sistent with the historic character of such property or the  
17 district in which such property is located."

18 (b) The next-to-last undesignated paragraph of section  
19 2 (b) of such Act is amended—

20 (1) by striking out "\$15,000 per family unit" in  
21 subparagraph (1) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$35,000  
22 per unit; except that such amount may be increased to  
23 \$50,000 in any geographical area where the Secretary,  
24 in consultation with the Secretary of the Interior, deter-

1 mines such an increase is necessary because of the cost  
2 levels in such area”; and

3 (2) by striking out “fifteen” in subparagraph (2)  
4 and inserting in lieu thereof “twenty-five”.

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