

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

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113TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION**H. R.** _____

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M. _____ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. CLARIFICATION OF RULES APPLYING TO**
2 **HUMAN OCCUPANCY OF PENTHOUSES IN DIS-**
3 **TRICT OF COLUMBIA BUILDINGS.**

4 (a) PERMITTING HUMAN OCCUPANCY OF PENT-
5 HOUSES WITHIN CERTAIN HEIGHT LIMIT.—The eighth
6 paragraph of section 5 of the Act entitled “An Act to regu-
7 late the height of buildings in the District of Columbia”,
8 approved June 1, 1910 (sec. 6-601.05(h), D.C. Official
9 Code) is amended by striking “and no floor or compart-
10 ment thereof shall be constructed or used for human occu-
11 paney above the top story of the building upon which such
12 structures are placed” and inserting “and, except in the
13 case of a penthouse which is erected to a height of one
14 story of 20 feet or less above the level of the roof, no floor
15 or compartment thereof shall be constructed or used for
16 human occupancy above the top story of the building upon
17 which such structures are placed”.

18 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
19 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of the enact-
20 ment of this Act.