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Page 94, line 16, strike “conjunction” and insert “consultation”.

Page 96, after line 20, insert the following:

1           “(D) BUDGET COMPLIANCE.—This para-  
2           graph shall be effective only to the extent that  
3           amounts to carry out this paragraph are made  
4           available in advance in appropriations Acts.”.

Page 99, strike line 20 and all that follows through line 23 and insert the following: “HUD-approved housing counseling agencies and State housing finance agencies”.

Page 100, after line 7, insert the following:

5           “(D) GRANTMAKING PROCESS.—In making  
6           assistance available under this paragraph, the  
7           Secretary shall consider appropriate ways of  
8           streamlining and improving the processes for  
9           grant application, review, approval, and  
10          award.”.

Page 100, line 8, strike “(D)” and insert “(E)”.

Page 100, line 15, strike “Secretary” and insert “Director of Housing Counseling”.

Page 104, line 9, strike the closing quotation marks and the last period.

Page 104, after line 9, insert the following:

1           “(4) HUD-APPROVED COUNSELING AGENCY.—  
2           The term ‘HUD-approved counseling agency’ means  
3           a private or public nonprofit organization that is—  
4                   “(A) exempt from taxation under section  
5                   501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986;  
6                   and  
7                   “(B) certified by the Secretary to provide  
8                   housing counseling services.  
9           “(5) STATE HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY.—The  
10           term ‘State housing finance agency’ means any pub-  
11           lic body, agency, or instrumentality specifically cre-  
12           ated under State statute that is authorised to fi-  
13           nance activities designed to provide housing and re-  
14           lated facilities throughout an entire State through  
15           land acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation.”.

