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118TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To assist homeowners not having traditionally accepted forms of documentation of ownership of property to prove such ownership, and for other purposes

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. FLETCHER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Heirs Empowerment  
5       and Inheritance Rights Act of 2024” or the “HEIR Act  
6       of 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. HOUSING COUNSELING.**

2 Section 106(g) of the Housing and Urban Develop-  
3 ment Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701x(g)) is amended by  
4 adding at the end the following new paragraph:

5 “(6) HEIR PROPERTY.—

6 “(A) REQUIREMENT.—In carrying out this  
7 section, the Secretary shall ensure that in pro-  
8 viding any homeownership counseling, coun-  
9 seling is made available to heir property owners  
10 to assist them in obtaining clear legal title to  
11 their properties.

12 “(B) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this  
13 paragraph, the term ‘heir property’ means resi-  
14 dential property for which title passed by oper-  
15 ation of law through intestacy and is held by  
16 two or more heirs as tenants in common.”.

17 **SEC. 3. CDBG-DISASTER RELIEF PROGRAM.**

18 The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development  
19 shall amend the regulations at part 570 of title 24, Code  
20 of Federal Regulations, to ensure that in providing assist-  
21 ance for Community Development Block Grant program  
22 for Disaster Relief in connection with a Presidentially de-  
23 clared disaster, in case in which a homeowner is required  
24 to demonstrate ownership of a property such homeowners  
25 not having traditionally accepted forms of documentation  
26 of ownership of property are provided resources and op-

1 tions for proving such ownership, including affidavits of  
2 ownership of heir property (as such term is defined in  
3 paragraph (6) of section 106(g) of the Housing and Urban  
4 Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701x(g)(6)), as  
5 added by the amendment made by section 2 of this Act),  
6 and letters from local public or private schools, Federal  
7 or State benefit providers, and social service organizations,  
8 including community assistance programs and nonprofit  
9 organizations.