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AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1852, AS REPORTED OFFERED BY MR. FRANK OF MASSACHUSETTS, MR. GARY G. MILLER OF CALIFORNIA, AND MR. CARDOZA OF CALIFORNIA

Strike line 19 on page 4 and all that follows through page 5, line 22, and insert the following:

SEC. 3. MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL LOAN OBLIGATION.

Section 203(b)(2) of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1709(b)(2)(A)) is amended by striking subparagraph (A) and inserting the following new subparagraph:

"(A) not to exceed the lesser of—

"(i) in the case of a 1-family residence, 125 percent of the median 1-family house price in the area, as determined by the Secretary; and in the case of a 2-, 3-, or 4-family residence, the percentage of such median price that bears the same ratio to such median price as the dollar amount limitation in effect for 2007 under section 305(a)(2) of the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation Act (12 U.S.C. 1454(a)(2)) for a 2-, 3-, or 4-family residence, respectively, bears to the dollar

1 amount limitation in effect for 2007 under
2 such section for a 1-family residence; or
3 "(ii) 175 percent of the dollar amount
4 limitation in effect for 2007 under such
5 section 305(a)(2) for a residence of the ap-
6 plicable size (without regard to any author-
7 ity to increase such limitations with re-
8 spect to properties located in Alaska,
9 Guam, Hawaii, or the Virgin Islands), ex-
10 cept that each such maximum dollar
11 amount shall be adjusted effective January
12 1 of each year beginning with 2008, by
13 adding to or subtracting from each such
14 amount (as it may have been previously
15 adjusted) a percentage thereof equal to the
16 percentage increase or decrease, during the
17 most recently completed 12-month or 4-
18 quarter period ending before the time of
19 determining such annual adjustment, in an
20 housing price index developed or selected
21 by the Secretary for purposes of adjust-
22 ments under this clause;
23 except that, if the Secretary determines that
24 market conditions warrant such an increase, the
25 Secretary may, for such period as the Secretary

1 considers appropriate, increase the maximum
2 dollar amount limitation determined pursuant
3 to the preceding provisions of this subpara-
4 graph with respect to any particular size or
5 sizes of residences, or with respect to residences
6 located in any particular area or areas, to an
7 amount that does not exceed the maximum dol-
8 lar amount then otherwise in effect pursuant to
9 the preceding provisions of this subparagraph
10 for such size residence, or for such area (if ap-
11 plicable), by not more than $100,000; and".