

Military Occupancy Living Defense (MOLD) Act



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The **Military Occupancy Living Defense Act (MOLD Act)** strengthens protections for military families in privatized housing by setting enforceable health and safety standards, mandating independent inspections, and requiring transparency in reporting environmental hazards such as mold.

It holds housing contractors financially accountable for remediation, relocation, and property loss, while establishing oversight, complaint systems, and public reporting to safeguard service members' health and readiness

CBO: MOLD Act will have no direct effect on spending over the 10 yr budget window

Why Change is Needed

- Thousands of military families have faced unsafe living conditions, including widespread mold exposure, because of negligent maintenance practices and inadequate government oversight.
- These hazards have forced families to bear heavy financial and health burdens, while also undermining military readiness.
- Systemic failures, including inconsistent inspections, poor contractor accountability, and even the use of non-disclosure agreements to silence tenants demands comprehensive reform.

Key MOLD Act Provisions

Health and Safety Standards	DoD-wide requirements for acceptable levels of humidity
Independent Inspections	Third party inspections upon tenant turnover and complaints
Tenant Protections	24/7 complaint hotline and website for hazard reporting
Contractor Accountability	Penalties for noncompliance include withholding fees and allowing tenants to retain BAH
Oversight and Reporting	Dedicated DoD Oversight Office

Endorsements



Blue Star Families, Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), Safe Military Housing Initiative, Change the Air Foundation, Military Housing Coalition, National Military Families Association, Institute of Inspection Cleaning and Restoration Certification (IICRC), National Organization of Remediators and Microbial Inspectors (NORMI)