

# SB-67

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION BOYS NATION

Mr. Meeks of North Carolina introduced the following bill;

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# A BILL

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*Be it enacted by The American Legion Boys Nation Senate assembled,*

### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Affordable Housing Act".

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This bill will provide economic aid to cities that zone in accordance with federal recommendation from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to increase housing affordability.

Zoning is a government tool often used to instruct appropriate developments in municipal and local regions. When this process is implemented correctly, it results in economic growth and promotes stability where people would otherwise be denied housing opportunities. This tool can be used to promote affordable housing through smart zoning.

Under this bill, municipalities and local regions will be provided special federal aid with instruction on use by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, based on the following recommendations:

Prioritizing compact development, such as mixed-use properties or higher density housing, to drive down the costs of housing;

A particular percentage of housing units built on developments that accommodate lower-earning individuals or families;

Reimagine tax codes on housing properties to be more efficient by taxing land and structures independently and flexibly to encourage developing affordable housing;

Increase access to voucher programs, such as Section 8, for lower-earning individuals or families to bridge the expense gap.

Cities found in misuse of funding, which constitutes the use of funding for other projects beyond what had been outlined in this bill, are subject to lawsuits if found neglecting the purpose of funding by any party.