

115TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 1447

To extend the protections of the Fair Housing Act to persons suffering discrimination on the basis of sex or sexual orientation, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 9, 2017

Mr. TAYLOR (for himself and Mr. SCHNEIDER) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Fair and Equal Hous-
5 ing Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. HOUSING.**

7 (a) FAIR HOUSING ACT.—The Fair Housing Act (42
8 U.S.C. 3601 et seq.) is amended—

1 (1) in section 802, by adding at the end the fol-
2 lowing:

3 “(p) ‘Race’, ‘color’, ‘religion’, ‘sex’, ‘sexual orienta-
4 tion’, ‘gender identity’, ‘handicap’, ‘familial status’, or ‘na-
5 tional origin’, used with respect to an individual, in-
6 cludes—

7 “(1) the race, color, religion, sex, sexual ori-
8 entation, gender identity, handicap, familial status,
9 or national origin, respectively, of another person
10 with whom the individual is associated or has been
11 associated; and

12 “(2) a perception or belief, even if inaccurate,
13 concerning the race, color, religion, sex, sexual ori-
14 entation, gender identity, handicap, familial status,
15 or national origin, respectively, of the individual.

16 “(q) ‘Gender identity’ means the gender-related iden-
17 tity, appearance, or mannerisms or other gender-related
18 characteristics of an individual, without regard to the indi-
19 vidual’s designated sex at birth.

20 “(r) ‘Sexual orientation’ means homosexuality, het-
21 erosexuality, or bisexuality.”;

22 (2) in section 804, by inserting “sexual orienta-
23 tion, gender identity” after “sex,” each place that
24 term appears;

1 (3) in section 805, by inserting “sexual orienta-
2 tion, gender identity” after “sex,” each place that
3 term appears;

4 (4) in section 806, by inserting “sexual orienta-
5 tion, gender identity” after “sex,” each place that
6 term appears;

7 (5) in section 808(e)(6), by inserting “sexual
8 orientation, gender identity” after “sex,”; and

9 (6) by adding at the end the following:”.

10 (b) PREVENTION OF INTIMIDATION IN FAIR HOUS-
11 ING CASES.—Section 901 of the Civil Rights Act of 1968
12 (42 U.S.C. 3631) is amended by inserting “gender iden-
13 tity, sexual orientation (as such term is defined in section
14 802 of this Act),” after “sex,” each place that term ap-
15 pears.

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