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Fair and Equal Housing Act of 2017

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Sponsor

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Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Jun 12, 2017
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jun 19, 2017
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		May 15, 2018
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		May 16, 2018
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Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jun 4, 2018
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Jun 4, 2018
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Jun 20, 2018
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Jun 26, 2018
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Sep 12, 2018
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Sep 12, 2018
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Sep 12, 2018
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Sep 12, 2018
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Sep 12, 2018
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Sep 17, 2018
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Sep 18, 2018
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Nov 13, 2018
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Nov 13, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 8, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 1447	Identical bill	Mar 21, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.

Summary (as of Jun 8, 2017)

Fair and Equal Housing Act of 2017

This bill amends the Fair Housing Act (FHA) under the Civil Rights Act of 1968 to add sexual orientation and gender identity as classes protected against discrimination in the sale, rental, or financing of housing. (Currently, the FHA prohibits housing discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin.)

The bill defines: (1) "gender identity" as gender-related identity, appearance, or mannerisms or other gender-related characteristics of an individual, without regard to the individual's designated sex at birth; and (2) "sexual orientation" as homosexuality, heterosexuality, or bisexuality.

The bill also extends prohibitions against housing discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, handicap, familial status, or national origin to include discrimination based on: (1) an individual's association with another person who is a member of such a protected class; and (2) a perception or belief, even if inaccurate, that an individual is a member of such a protected class.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 8, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
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