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S. 668

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

AN ACT

To amend title IX of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 to increase the penalties for violating the fair housing provisions of the Act, and for other purposes.

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 Housing Rights
5 Amendments Act of 1994”.

1 **SEC. 2. PENALTIES FOR ACTS OF VIOLENCE OR INTIMIDA-**
2 **TION.**

3 Section 901 of the Act entitled “An Act to prescribe
4 penalties for certain acts of violence or intimidation, and
5 for other purposes”, approved April 11, 1968 (known as
6 the ‘Civil Rights Act of 1968’; Public Law 90–284; 42
7 U.S.C. 3631), is amended to read as follows:

8 **“SEC. 901. PREVENTION OF INTIMIDATION IN FAIR HOUS-**
9 **ING CASES.**

10 “(a) UNLAWFUL ACTS.—It shall be unlawful to use
11 force or threat of force, whether or not acting under color
12 of law, to willfully injure, intimidate, or interfere with, or
13 attempt to injure, intimidate, or interfere with—

14 “(1) any person because of the race, color, reli-
15 gion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national ori-
16 gin of the person and because the person is or has
17 been selling, purchasing, renting, financing, occupy-
18 ing, or contracting or negotiating for the sale, pur-
19 chase, rental, financing, or occupation of any dwell-
20 ing, or applying for or participating in any service,
21 organization, or facility relating to the business of
22 selling or renting dwellings; or

23 “(2) any person because the person is, or has
24 been, or in order to intimidate the person or any
25 other person or any class of persons from—

1 “(A) participating, without discrimination
2 on account of race, color, religion, sex, handi-
3 cap, familial status, or national origin, in any
4 of the activities, services, organizations, or fa-
5 cilities described in paragraph (1) of this sec-
6 tion; or

7 “(B) affording another person or class of
8 persons opportunity or protection so to partici-
9 pate; or

10 “(3) any citizen or lawful resident because the
11 citizen or lawful resident is, or has been, or in order
12 to discourage the citizen or lawful resident or any
13 other citizen or lawful resident from lawfully aiding
14 or encouraging other persons to participate, without
15 discrimination on account of race, color, religion,
16 sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, in
17 any of the activities, services, organizations, or facili-
18 ties described in paragraph (1), or participating law-
19 fully in speech or peaceful assembly opposing any
20 denial of the opportunity so to participate.

21 “(b) PENALTIES.—Whoever commits an act de-
22 scribed in subsection (a)—

23 “(1) shall be fined not more than \$100,000, or
24 imprisoned not more than 1 year, or both;

1 “(2) that results in bodily injury shall be fined
2 not more than \$250,000, or imprisoned not more
3 than 10 years, or both;

4 “(3) that results in death shall be subject to
5 imprisonment for any term of years or for life; and

6 “(4) that results in property damage exceeding
7 the sum of \$100, or uses or attempts to use fire in
8 committing the act, or uses or carries a firearm
9 while committing the act, shall be fined not more
10 than \$250,000, or imprisoned not more than 5
11 years, or both.

12 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section:

13 “(1) FAMILIAL STATUS.—The term ‘familial
14 status’ has the meaning given the term in section
15 802.

16 “(2) FIREARM.—The term ‘firearm’ has the
17 meaning given the term in section 921(a)(3) of title
18 18, United States Code.

19 “(3) HANDICAP.—The term ‘handicap’ has the
20 meaning given the term in section 802.

1 “(4) BODILY INJURY.—The term ‘bodily injury’
2 has the meaning given the term in section
3 1515(a)(5) of title 18, United States Code.”.

 Passed the Senate May 6 (legislative day, May 2),
1994.

Attest:

MARTHA S. POPE,

Secretary.