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S. 1601

To amend the Fair Housing Act to establish that certain conduct, in or around a dwelling, shall be considered to be severe or pervasive for purposes of determining whether a certain type of sexual harassment has occurred under that Act, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 20, 2017

Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. FRANKEN, and Ms. HARRIS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

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 “Combat Sexual Har-
5 assment in Housing Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN OR AROUND A DWELLING.**

2 The Fair Housing Act is amended by inserting after
3 section 807 (42 U.S.C. 3607) the following:

4 **“SEC. 807A. SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN OR AROUND A DWELL-**
5 **ING.**

6 “(a) **HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT SEXUAL HARASS-**
7 **MENT.**—For purposes of determining, under this title,
8 whether unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature is suffi-
9 ciently severe or pervasive to constitute a discriminatory
10 housing practice based on hostile environment sexual har-
11 assment, any incident of conduct described in subsection
12 (b) that occurs in or around a dwelling, shall be considered
13 to be severe or pervasive.

14 “(b) **CONDUCT.**—The conduct described in subsection
15 (a) consists of—

16 “(1) unwelcome touching of a sexual nature or
17 groping; or

18 “(2) any other unwelcome conduct of a sexual
19 nature that is intended to be coercive, threatening,
20 or intimidating.”.

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