

104TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 3736

To amend the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to terminate the availability of community development block grant amounts for States and localities within such States that allow recovery of damages for injuries suffered in the commission of a felony.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 27, 1996

Mr. BLILEY (for himself, Mr. HYDE, Mr. COBURN, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. ZIMMER, Mr. KLUG, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. UPTON, Mr. McHUGH, Mr. COBLE, Mrs. SEASTRAND, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. WOLF, Mr. HOKE, Mr. PICKETT, Mr. CONDIT, Mrs. MEYERS of Kansas, Mr. STOCKMAN, Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. BURR, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. HORN, Mr. OXLEY, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. LAUGHLIN, Ms. MOLINARI, Mr. METCALF, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. COOLEY of Oregon, Mr. BUYER, Mr. HAYES, Mr. McKEON, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mrs. CHENOWETH, Mr. BARR of Georgia, Mr. DAVIS, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. FRANKS of Connecticut, Mr. RIGGS, Mr. ROYCE, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. FIELDS of Texas, Mr. SISISKY, Mr. PACKARD, Mr. TANNER, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. BAKER of Louisiana, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. BATEMAN, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky, Mr. DREIER, and Mr. HAYWORTH) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services

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## 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 “Crime Does Not Pay  
5       Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT TO HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DE-**  
7               **VELOPMENT ACT OF 1974.**

8       Section 104 of the Housing and Community Develop-  
9       ment Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5304) is amended by adding  
10      at the end the following new subsection:

11      “(n) PREVENTION OF RECOVERY FOR INJURIES IN-  
12      CURRED IN COMMISSION OF FELONIES.—Grant amounts  
13      may not be provided under this title to a State, or to any  
14      unit of general local government in a State, if such State  
15      does not have in effect (at the time the grant amounts  
16      are made available to State or unit of general local govern-  
17      ment) a law that prohibits any individual who has been  
18      convicted of a felony from recovering, in any civil action  
19      under the law of such State, any compensatory, actual,  
20      or general damages for any physical or mental injury,  
21      harm, or suffering to such individual that was caused in  
22      the commission of the felony. The Secretary shall have the  
23      authority to determine whether a State law complies with  
24      the requirements of this subsection.”.

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