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H. R. 4019

To amend the Fair Housing Act, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 4, 1996

Mr. BILBRAY 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 Housing Reform
5 and Freedom of Speech Act of 1996”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING ACT.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The first sentence of section
8 807(b)(1) of the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3607(b)(1))
9 is amended by inserting before the period the following:
10 “, including any restriction relating to the maximum num-
11 ber of unrelated persons permitted to occupy a dwelling,
12 governing the proximity of dwellings to each other, or the

1 occupancy of a dwelling by a convicted felon, sex offender,
2 or recovering drug addict, if the purpose of the restriction
3 is to restrict land use to single family dwellings”.

4 (b) PROTECTION OF CERTAIN ACTIVITIES.—Title I
5 of the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601 et seq.) is
6 amended by adding at the end the following new section:

7 **“SEC. 821. PROTECTION OF CERTAIN ACTIVITIES.**

8 “Nothing in this Act shall be construed to apply to
9 any otherwise lawful activity engaged in by one or more
10 persons, including the filing or maintaining of a legal ac-
11 tion, that is engaged in solely for the purpose of—

12 “(1) achieving or preventing action by a govern-
13 mental entity or official; or

14 “(2) receiving an interpretation of any provision
15 of this Act in a court of competent jurisdiction.”.

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