

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3571

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 28, 2017

Ms. CASTOR of Florida 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 “Reasonable ADA Com-
5 pliance Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds as follows:

1 (1) The ADA has been one of the most signifi-
 2 cant and effective civil rights laws passed by Con-
 3 gress.

4 (2) The ADA requires that State and local gov-
 5 ernmental entities accommodate qualified individuals
 6 with disabilities.

7 (3) The ADA requires a place of public accom-
 8 modation to take reasonable steps to ensure that the
 9 goods and services it provides are accessible to indi-
 10 viduals with disabilities.

11 **SEC. 3. OPPORTUNITY TO CORRECT ALLEGED VIOLATION**
 12 **AS CONDITION ON COMMENCING CIVIL AC-**
 13 **TION.**

14 Section 308(a) of the Americans with Disabilities Act
 15 of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12188(a)) is amended by adding at
 16 the end the following:

17 “(3) OPPORTUNITY TO CORRECT ALLEGED VIO-
 18 LATION.—

19 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A State or Federal
 20 court shall not have jurisdiction in a civil action
 21 that a plaintiff commences under paragraph
 22 (1), or under a State law that conditions a vio-
 23 lation of any of its provisions on a violation of
 24 this title, unless—

1 “(i) before filing a complaint alleging
2 a violation of this title or such a State law,
3 the plaintiff provides the defendant with a
4 written notice of the alleged violation by
5 registered mail;

6 “(ii) the written notice identifies the
7 facts that constitute the alleged violation,
8 including the location where and the date
9 on which the alleged violation occurred;

10 “(iii) a remedial period of 120 days
11 elapses after the date on which the plain-
12 tiff provides the written notice;

13 “(iv) the written notice informs the
14 defendant that the plaintiff is barred from
15 filing the complaint until the end of the re-
16 medial period; and

17 “(v) the complaint states that, as of
18 the date on which the complaint is filed,
19 the defendant has not corrected the alleged
20 violation.

21 “(B) EXTENSION OF REMEDIAL PERIOD.—

22 The court may extend the remedial period by
23 not more than 30 days if the defendant applies
24 for such an extension.”.

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