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# H. R. 2402

To extend the protections of the Fair Housing Act to persons suffering discrimination on the basis of sex or sexual orientation, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 30, 2019

Mr. SCHNEIDER (for himself, Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana, Ms. WEXTON, and Mr. FITZPATRICK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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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 “Fair and Equal Hous-  
5 ing Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. HOUSING.**

7 (a) FAIR HOUSING ACT.—The Fair Housing Act (42  
8 U.S.C. 3601 et seq.) is amended—

1           (1) in section 802, by adding at the end the fol-  
2           lowing:

3           “(p) ‘Race’, ‘color’, ‘religion’, ‘sex’ (including sexual  
4           orientation and gender identity), ‘handicap’, ‘familial sta-  
5           tus’, or ‘national origin’, used with respect to an indi-  
6           vidual, includes—

7           “(1) the race, color, religion, sex (including sex-  
8           ual orientation and gender identity), handicap, fa-  
9           miliar status, or national origin, respectively, of an-  
10          other person with whom the individual is associated  
11          or has been associated; and

12          “(2) a perception or belief, even if inaccurate,  
13          concerning the race, color, religion, sex (including  
14          sexual orientation and gender identity), handicap,  
15          familial status, or national origin, respectively, of the  
16          individual.

17          “(q) ‘Gender identity’ means the gender-related iden-  
18          tity, appearance, or mannerisms or other gender-related  
19          characteristics of an individual, without regard to the indi-  
20          vidual’s designated sex at birth.

21          “(r) ‘Sexual orientation’ means homosexuality, het-  
22          erosexuality, or bisexuality.”;

23                 (2) in section 804, by inserting “(including sexual  
24                 orientation and gender identity)” after “sex”  
25                 each place that term appears;

1           (3) in section 805, by inserting “(including sexual  
2           orientation and gender identity)” after “sex”  
3           each place that term appears;

4           (4) in section 806, by inserting “(including sexual  
5           orientation and gender identity)” after “sex”  
6           each place that term appears; and

7           (5) in section 808(e)(6), by inserting “(including  
8           sexual orientation and gender identity)” after  
9           “sex”.

10          (b) PREVENTION OF INTIMIDATION IN FAIR HOUS-  
11          ING CASES.—Section 901 of the Civil Rights Act of 1968  
12          (42 U.S.C. 3631) is amended by inserting “(including sexual  
13          orientation (as such term is defined in section 802 of  
14          this Act) and gender identity (as such term is defined in  
15          section 802 of this Act))” after “sex” each place that term  
16          appears.

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