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H. R. 8707

To amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify that protection for jurors on the basis of sex includes sexual orientation and gender identity.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BALINT (for herself, Mrs. FLETCHER, Mr. BEYER, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. BROWNLEY, Ms. CHU, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. CONNOLLY, Ms. CROCKETT, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Mr. DELUZIO, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. FROST, Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. NADLER, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PETERS, Mr. POCAN, Ms. SCANLON, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SOTO, Mr. SWALWELL, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. TONKO, Mr. TORRES of New York, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, and Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia) 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 “Juror Non-Discrimina-
5 tion Act of 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. JURIES.**

2 Chapter 121 of title 28, United States Code, is
3 amended—

4 (1) in section 1862, by inserting “(including
5 sexual orientation and gender identity)” after “sex”;

6 (2) in section 1867(e), in the second sentence,
7 by inserting “(including sexual orientation and gen-
8 der identity)” after “sex”; and

9 (3) in section 1869—

10 (A) in subsection (j), by striking “and” at
11 the end;

12 (B) in subsection (k), by striking the pe-
13 riod at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

14 (C) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(l) ‘gender identity’ shall mean the gender-related
16 identity, appearance, mannerisms, or other gender-related
17 characteristics of an individual, regardless of the individ-
18 ual’s designated sex at birth;

19 “(m) ‘sex’ shall include—

20 “(1) a sex stereotype;

21 “(2) pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical
22 condition;

23 “(3) sexual orientation or gender identity; and

24 “(4) sex characteristics, including intersex
25 traits;

1 “(n) ‘sexual orientation’ shall mean homosexuality,
2 heterosexuality, or bisexuality; and

3 “(o) ‘race’, ‘color’, ‘religion’, ‘sex’ (including ‘sexual
4 orientation’ and ‘gender identity’), ‘economic status’, or
5 ‘national origin’, used with respect to an individual, in-
6 cludes—

7 “(1) the race, color, religion, sex (including sex-
8 ual orientation and gender identity), economic sta-
9 tus, or national origin, respectively, of another per-
10 son with whom the individual is associated or has
11 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), economic
15 status, or national origin, respectively, of the indi-
16 vidual.”.

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