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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. Kaine introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on ________________

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Fair Housing Improvement Act of 2022”.

SEC. 2. PROHIBITING HOUSING DISCRIMINATION BASED ON SOURCE OF INCOME, VETERAN STATUS, OR MILITARY STATUS.

(a) In General.—The Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601 et seq.) is amended—
(1) in section 802 (42 U.S.C. 3602), by adding
at the end the following:

“(p) ‘Military status’ means the status of a person
as a member of the uniformed services, as defined in sec-
tion 101 of title 10, United States Code.

“(q) ‘Source of income’ includes—

“(1) a housing voucher under section 8 of the
United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C.
1437f) and any form of Federal, State, or local
housing assistance provided to a person or family or
provided to a housing owner on behalf of a person
or family, including—

“(A) rental vouchers;

“(B) rental assistance;

“(C) rental subsidies from nongovern-
mental organizations; and

“(D) homeownership subsidies;

“(2) income received as a monthly benefit
under title II of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
401 et seq.), as a supplemental security income ben-
efit under title XVI of the Social Security Act (42
U.S.C. 1381 et seq.), or as a benefit under the Rail-
road Retirement Act of 1974 (45 U.S.C. 231 et
seq.), including any such benefit to which the indi-
vidual is entitled for which payment is made to a
representative payee;

“(3) income received by court order, including
spousal support and child support;

“(4) any payment from a trust, guardian, con-
servator, cosigner, or relative; and

“(5) any other lawful source of income or
funds, including savings accounts and investments.

“(r) ‘Veteran status’ means the status of a person
as a former member of the Armed Forces.”;

(2) in section 804 (42 U.S.C. 3604)—

(A) by inserting “source of income, veteran
status, military status,” after “familial status,”
each place that term appears; and

(B) in subsection (f), by adding at the end
the following:

“(10) Nothing in this title shall be construed to pro-
hibit any entity from providing or otherwise making avail-
able any services or other assistance to individuals receiv-
ing Federal, State or local housing assistance.”;

(3) in section 805 (42 U.S.C. 3605)—

(A) in subsection (a), by inserting “source
of income, veteran status, military status,”
after “familial status,”; and
(B) in subsection (c), by inserting “source of income, veteran status, military status,” after “handicap,”;

(4) in section 806 (42 U.S.C. 3606), by inserting “source of income, veteran status, military status,” after “familial status,”;

(5) in section 808(e)(6) (42 U.S.C. 3608(e)(6)), by inserting “source of income, veteran status, military status,” after “handicap,”; and

(6) in section 810(f) (42 U.S.C. 3610(f)), by striking paragraph (4) and inserting the following:

“(4) During the period beginning on the date of enactment of the Fair Housing Improvement Act of 2022 and ending on the date that is 40 months after such date of enactment, each agency certified for purposes of this title on the day before such date of enactment shall, for purposes of this subsection, be considered certified under this subsection with respect to those matters for which the agency was certified on that date. If the Secretary determines in an individual case that an agency has not been able to meet the certification requirements within this 40-month period due to exceptional circumstances, such as the infrequency of legislative sessions in that jurisdiction, the Secretary may extend such period by not more than 6 months.”.
(b) Prevention of Intimidation in Fair Housing Cases.—Section 901 of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3631) is amended by inserting “source of income (as defined in section 802), veteran status (as defined in section 802), military status (as defined in section 802),” before “or national origin” each place that term appears.