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1ST SESSION

H. R. 4068

To require the United States Commission on Civil Rights to establish advisory committees for Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands of the United States, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 25, 2019

Mr. SERRANO (for himself, Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN of Puerto Rico, Mr. SAN NICOLAS, Mr. SABLAN, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, Mr. SOTO, and Ms. PLASKETT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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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 “Civil Rights Commis-
5 sion Territorial Equality Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES FOR**
2 **PUERTO RICO, THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE**
3 **UNITED STATES, GUAM, THE COMMON-**
4 **WEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA IS-**
5 **LANDS, AND AMERICAN SAMOA.**

6 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The 2d sentence of section
7 3(d) of the Civil Rights Commission Act of 1983 (42
8 U.S.C. 1975a(d)) is amended by striking “and the District
9 of Columbia” and all that follows before the period at the
10 end, and inserting “, the District of Columbia, Puerto
11 Rico, the Virgin Islands of the United States, Guam, the
12 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and
13 American Samoa composed of persons domiciled in that
14 State, District, or territory”.

15 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 3(f) of the
16 Civil Rights Commission Act of 1983 (42 U.S.C.
17 1975a(f)) is amended by—

18 (1) striking “or” after “Government” and in-
19 serting a comma; and

20 (2) inserting “Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands
21 of the United States, Guam, the Commonwealth of
22 the Northern Mariana Islands, or American
23 Samoa,” after “States,”.

24 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
25 this section shall take effect on the 1st day of the 1st fiscal

1 year that begins after the date of the enactment of this
2 Act.

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