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S. 3059

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 16, 2019

Mrs. SHAHEEN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

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 “Combat Sexual Har-
5 assment in Housing Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN OR AROUND A DWELLING.**

2 The Fair Housing Act is amended by inserting after
3 section 807 (42 U.S.C. 3607) the following:

4 **“SEC. 807A. SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN OR AROUND A DWELL-**
5 **ING.**

6 “(a) **HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT SEXUAL HARASS-**
7 **MENT.**—For purposes of determining, under this title,
8 whether unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature is suffi-
9 ciently severe or pervasive to constitute a discriminatory
10 housing practice based on hostile environment sexual har-
11 assment, any incident of conduct described in subsection
12 (b) that occurs in or around a dwelling, shall be considered
13 to be severe or pervasive.

14 “(b) **CONDUCT.**—The conduct described in subsection
15 (a) consists of—

16 “(1) unwelcome touching of a sexual nature or
17 groping; or

18 “(2) any other unwelcome conduct of a sexual
19 nature that is intended to be coercive, threatening,
20 or intimidating.”.

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