

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act to include tenant complaints in the Consumer Complaint Database and establish an Office of Tenant Protection, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 to as the “Consumer Protec-
5 tion for Tenants Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. COMPLAINTS REGARDING LANDLORDS.**

2 Section 1013(b)(3) of the Consumer Financial Pro-
3 tection Act of 2010 (12 U.S.C. 5493(b)(3)) is amended—

4 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “to con-
5 sumer complaints regarding consumer financial
6 products or services” and inserting “to consumer
7 complaints regarding consumer financial products or
8 services and complaints regarding violations of Fed-
9 eral, State, or local laws by landlords”; and

10 (2) in subparagraph (C), by striking “com-
11 plaints received by the Bureau in the prior year re-
12 garding consumer financial products and services”
13 and inserting “complaints received by the Bureau in
14 the prior year regarding consumer financial products
15 and services and complaints regarding violations of
16 Federal, State, or local laws by landlords”.

17 **SEC. 3. OFFICE OF TENANT PROTECTION.**

18 Section 1013 of the Consumer Financial Protection
19 Act of 2010 (12 U.S.C. 5493) is amended—

20 (1) by redesignating subsection (h) as sub-
21 section (i); and

22 (2) by inserting after subsection (g) the fol-
23 lowing:

24 “(h) OFFICE OF TENANT PROTECTION.—

25 “(2) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180
26 days after the date of the enactment of this sub-

1 section, the Director shall establish the Office of
2 Tenant Protection (in this subsection referred to as
3 the ‘Office’).

4 “(3) ASSISTANT DIRECTOR.—The Office shall
5 be headed by an assistant director.

6 “(4) DUTIES.—The Office shall—

7 “(A) coordinate tenant protection efforts of
8 the Bureau with other Federal agencies and
9 state and local regulators, as appropriate, to
10 promote consistent, efficient, and effective en-
11 forcement of tenant protection laws;

12 “(B) establish partnerships with housing
13 counseling agencies and provide each tenant
14 complainant with the contact information of
15 their local housing counseling agencies when
16 they submit a tenant complaint to the Con-
17 sumer Complaint Database;

18 “(C) work with private industry, consumer
19 advocates, and community advocates to promote
20 compliance and education with tenant protec-
21 tion laws;

22 “(D) each year, submit to the Congress, a
23 report that describes the efforts of the Bureau
24 to fulfill the duties described in this para-
25 graph.”.