

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3887

To require Federal agencies and Federal courts to comply with address confidentiality programs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 28, 2017

Mr. SMITH of Missouri (for himself, Ms. SINEMA, Mrs. HARTZLER, and Mr. KENNEDY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To require Federal agencies and Federal courts to comply with address confidentiality programs, and for other purposes.

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 “Safeguarding Address-
5 es From Emerging at Home Act” or the “SAFE at Home
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FEDERAL AGENCY AND FEDERAL COURT COMPLI-**
2 **ANCE WITH STATE ADDRESS CONFIDEN-**
3 **TIALITY PROGRAMS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Each Federal agency and Federal
5 court shall accept, for any purpose for which an individual
6 is required to provide an address to the agency or court,
7 an address designated to that individual pursuant to an
8 address confidentiality program.

9 (b) EXEMPTION FROM LIABILITY.—An individual
10 who provides to a Federal agency or Federal court an ad-
11 dress which is designated to that individual pursuant to
12 an address confidentiality program shall not be subject to
13 any Federal regulatory, civil, or criminal penalties for pro-
14 viding such address in lieu of the individual’s actual phys-
15 ical address.

16 (c) COMPLIANCE WITH ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY
17 PROGRAM PROCEDURES AND EXEMPTION FROM FOIA.—
18 In the case of a Federal agency or Federal court seeking
19 to acquire the actual physical address of an individual de-
20 scribed in subsection (a), the agency or court shall comply
21 with any applicable procedures of the address confiden-
22 tiality program for acquiring such address. Upon acquir-
23 ing such an address, the address shall be considered con-
24 fidential, and shall not be subject to any request pursuant
25 to section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly
26 referred to as the “Freedom of Information Act”).

1 (d) DEFINITION.—In this Act:

2 (1) The term “address confidentiality program”
3 means a program implemented by a State which pro-
4 vides a designated address to an eligible individual
5 for use in lieu of the individual’s actual physical ad-
6 dress.

7 (2) The term “actual physical address” may in-
8 clude the address of the individual’s residence,
9 school, and place of employment.

10 (3) The term “eligible individual” means an in-
11 dividual who is determined, pursuant to an address
12 confidentiality program—

13 (A) to be at risk to be a victim of domestic
14 violence, rape, sexual assault, human traf-
15 ficking, stalking, or who otherwise fears for
16 their safety; or

17 (B) to reside in the same household as an
18 individual described in subparagraph (A).

○