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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. CAPITO, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Ms. HASSAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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

7 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

8 In this Act:

1           (1) ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM.—  
 2           The term “address confidentiality program” means  
 3           a program implemented by a State that provides a  
 4           designated address to an eligible individual for use  
 5           in lieu of the individual’s actual physical address.

6           (2) ACTUAL PHYSICAL ADDRESS.—The term  
 7           “actual physical address” may include the address of  
 8           the individual’s residence, school, and place of em-  
 9           ployment.

10          (3) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL.—The term “eligible  
 11          individual” means an individual who is determined,  
 12          pursuant to an address 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).

19   **SEC. 3. FEDERAL AGENCY AND FEDERAL COURT COMPLI-**  
 20                **ANCE WITH STATE ADDRESS CONFIDEN-**  
 21                **TIALITY PROGRAMS.**

22          (a) IN GENERAL.—Each Federal agency and Federal  
 23          court shall accept, for any purpose for which an individual  
 24          is required to provide an address to the agency or court,

1 an address designated to that individual pursuant to an  
2 address confidentiality program.

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

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

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