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S. 2355

To amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to clarify Federal law with respect to reporting certain positive consumer credit information to consumer reporting agencies, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 3, 2015

Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. MANCHIN) 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 “Credit Access and In-
5 clusion Act of 2015”.

6 **SEC. 2. POSITIVE CREDIT REPORTING PERMITTED.**

7 Section 623 of the Fair Credit Reporting Act (15
8 U.S.C. 1681s–2) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (c)(1), by striking “subsection
2 (a)” and inserting “subsection (a) or (f)”; and

3 (2) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(f) FULL-FILE CREDIT REPORTING.—

5 “(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

6 “(A) ENERGY UTILITY FIRM.—The term
7 ‘energy utility firm’ means an entity that pro-
8 vides gas or electric utility services to the pub-
9 lic.

10 “(B) UTILITY OR TELECOMMUNICATION
11 FIRM.—The term ‘utility or telecommunication
12 firm’ means an entity that provides utility serv-
13 ices to the public through pipe, wire, landline,
14 wireless, cable, or other connected facilities, or
15 radio, electronic, or similar transmission (in-
16 cluding the extension of such facilities).

17 “(2) FURNISHING OF INFORMATION.—Subject
18 to the limitation in paragraph (3) and notwith-
19 standing any other provision of law, a person or the
20 Secretary of Housing and Urban Development may
21 furnish to a consumer reporting agency information
22 relating to the performance of a consumer in making
23 payments—

24 “(A) under a lease agreement with respect
25 to a dwelling, including a lease in which the De-

1 partment of Housing and Urban Development
2 provides subsidized payments for occupancy in
3 a dwelling; or

4 “(B) pursuant to a contract for a utility or
5 telecommunications service.

6 “(3) LIMITATION.—Information about the
7 usage of a consumer of any utility services provided
8 by a utility or telecommunication firm may be fur-
9 nished to a consumer reporting agency only to the
10 extent that the information relates to payment by
11 the consumer for the services of the utility or tele-
12 communication service or other terms of the provi-
13 sion of the services to the consumer, including any
14 deposit, discount, or conditions for interruption or
15 termination of the services.

16 “(4) PAYMENT PLAN.—An energy utility firm
17 may not report payment information to a consumer
18 reporting agency with respect to an outstanding bal-
19 ance of a consumer as late if—

20 “(A) the energy utility firm and the con-
21 sumer have entered into a payment plan (in-
22 cluding a deferred payment agreement, an ar-
23 rearage management program, or a debt for-
24 giveness program) with respect to such out-
25 standing balance; and

1 “(B) the consumer is meeting the obliga-
2 tions of the payment plan, as determined by the
3 energy utility firm.”.

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