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H. R. 1118

To prohibit a rental car company from imposing a fee based upon the residence of a renter.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 18, 1997

Mr. SCHUMER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

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 “Rental Car Fairness
5 Act of 1997”.

6 **SEC. 2. RESIDENCE BASED FEES PROHIBITED.**

7 No rental car company, in or affecting interstate
8 commerce, shall impose as a part of the cost of the rental
9 of a motor vehicle a fee or charge based upon the location
10 of the residence of the renter.

1 **SEC. 3. PENALTY.**

2 If the Federal Trade Commission finds that a rental
3 car company has willfully violated section 2, the Commis-
4 sion shall (after notice and opportunity for a hearing) im-
5 pose a civil monetary penalty on the rental car company
6 in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for each such viola-
7 tion.

8 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

9 As used in this Act:

10 (1) The term “rental car company” means any
11 person in the business of renting motor vehicles.

12 (2) The term “renter” means any person who
13 rents a motor vehicle from a rental car company
14 under the terms of a rental agreement.

15 (3) The term “motor vehicle” has the meaning
16 given such term by section 30102 of title 49, United
17 States Code.

18 **SEC. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

19 This Act shall apply with respect to rental agree-
20 ments entered into on or after the 30th day after the date
21 of enactment of this Act.

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