

105TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 2297

To amend the Fair Housing Act, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 30, 1997

Mr. BAKER of Louisiana introduced the following bill; which was referred to  
the Committee on the Judiciary

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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 “Local Control and Fair  
5       Housing Reform Act of 1997”.

6       **SEC. 2. IMMEDIATE RESTORATION OF LOCAL CONTROL**

7                       **AND PROTECTION OF RIGHT TO SEEK RE-**  
8                       **DRESS.**

9       (a) IMMEDIATE RESTORATION OF LOCAL CON-  
10       TROL.—The first sentence of section 807(b)(1) of the Fair  
11       Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3607(b)(1)) is amended by insert-  
12       ing before the period the following: “, including any re-

1 striction relating to the maximum number of unrelated  
2 persons permitted to occupy a dwelling, or governing the  
3 proximity of dwellings to each other if the purpose of the  
4 restriction is to restrict land use to single family dwell-  
5 ings”.

6 (b) PROTECTION OF RIGHT TO SEEK REDRESS.—  
7 Title I of the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601 et seq.)  
8 is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

9 **“SEC. 821. PROTECTION OF RIGHT TO SEEK REDRESS.**

10 “Nothing in this Act shall be construed to apply to  
11 any otherwise lawful activity engaged in by one or more  
12 persons, including the filing or maintaining of a legal ac-  
13 tion, that is engaged in solely for the purpose of—

14 “(1) achieving or preventing action by a govern-  
15 mental entity or official; or

16 “(2) receiving an interpretation of any provision  
17 of this Act in a court of competent jurisdiction.”.

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