110TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

S. 3141

To provide for nondiscrimination by eligible lenders in the Federal Family Education Loan Program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

June 17, 2008

Mrs. Murray (for herself and Mr. Dodd) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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 "Preventing Student
- 5 Loan Discrimination Act".
- 6 SEC. 2. NONDISCRIMINATION.
- 7 Section 438(e) of the Higher Education Act of 1965
- 8 (20 U.S.C. 1087–1(e)) is amended—
- 9 (1) by striking "In order" and inserting the fol-
- lowing:

1 "(1) IN GENERAL.—In order"; and

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

"(2) Federal family education loan pro-Gram.—In order for an eligible lender to receive a special allowance payment under this section on any loan made, insured, or guaranteed under this part, the eligible lender shall not engage in any pattern or practice that results in a denial by such eligible lender of an otherwise eligible borrower's access to a loan under this part because of the borrower's race, sex, color, religion, national origin, age, disability status, income, attendance at a particular institution of higher education that participates in a loan program under this part, education program length, or academic year in school.".

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