

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 639

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 15, 2017

Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. BENNET, and Mrs. CAPITO) 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 “Housing Opportunities
5 Made Easier Act” or the “HOME Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXEMPTION FROM TRUTH IN LENDING ACT.**

7 Section 129E(i) of the Truth in Lending Act (15
8 U.S.C. 1639e(i)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
9 lowing:

1 “(4) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION RELATED TO AP-
2 PRAISAL DONATIONS.—For purposes of paragraph
3 (1), if a fee appraiser voluntarily donates appraisal
4 services to an organization described in section
5 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986,
6 such voluntary donation shall be deemed customary
7 and reasonable.”.

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