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# H. R. 1118

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 18, 1997

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

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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 “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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