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H. R. 10701

To authorize the Federal Trade Commission to independently initiate civil actions to recover certain civil penalties, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SCHAKOWSKY (for herself and Ms. CASTOR of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''FTC Autonomy Act''.

SEC. 2. FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION INDEPENDENT LITIGATION AUTHORITY.

(a) AUTHORITY OF THE FTC TO RECOVER CERTAIN CIVIL PENALTIES.—The Federal Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 41 et seq.) is amended—

(1) in section 5(l), in the first sentence, by inserting ''the Commission or'' after ''brought by''; and

(2) in section 16(a)(2)—

(A) in subparagraph (D), by striking ''; or'' and inserting a semicolon;

(B) in subparagraph (E), by striking the semicolon at the end and inserting ''; or''; and

(C) by inserting after subparagraph (E) the following:

''(F) to obtain a civil penalty authorized under any provision of law enforced by the Commission;''.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 16(a)(1)(A) of the Federal Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 56(a)(1)(A)) is amended by striking ''(including an action to collect a civil penalty)''.

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