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119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To direct the Law Revision Counsel of the House of Representatives to replace gender-specific pronouns and nouns in the United States Code with gender-neutral language, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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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 “Equality in Laws Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. GENDER-NEUTRAL LANGUAGE IN THE UNITED**  
2 **STATES CODE.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Law Revision Counsel of the  
4 House of Representatives shall make such changes to the  
5 titles of the United States Code as are necessary to replace  
6 masculine and feminine pronouns and nouns in such titles  
7 with gender-neutral language in each case in which such  
8 revisions and amendments would not affect the substance  
9 or meaning of the relevant titles, including—

10 (1) by striking “his” or “hers” each place it ap-  
11 pears and, as required by the relevant context, in-  
12 serting—

13 (A) “the individual’s”;

14 (B) the appropriate possessive form of the  
15 noun to which the pronoun refers;

16 (C) “their” or “theirs”; or

17 (D) the appropriate possessive form of the  
18 title of the position to which the pronoun refers;  
19 and

20 (2) by striking “he”, “him”, “she”, and “her”  
21 each place such words appear and, as required by  
22 the relevant context, inserting—

23 (A) “the individual”;

24 (B) the noun to which the pronoun refers;

25 (C) “they” or “them”; or

1 (D) the appropriate title of the position to  
2 which the pronoun refers.

3 (b) REVISION OF POSITIVE LAW TITLES.—The Law  
4 Revision Counsel of the House of Representatives shall,  
5 pursuant to subsection (a), prepare and submit to the  
6 Committee on the Judiciary such revisions in the titles of  
7 the United States Code which have been enacted into posi-  
8 tive law as may be necessary to strike gender-specific pro-  
9 nouns and nouns and insert gender-neutral language in  
10 each case in which such revisions conform to the under-  
11 stood policy, intent, and purpose of the Congress in the  
12 original enactments.

13 (c) AMENDMENT OF NONPOSITIVE LAW TITLES.—  
14 The Law Revision Counsel of the House of Representa-  
15 tives shall, pursuant to subsection (a), draft a bill to  
16 amend the titles of the United States Code that have not  
17 yet been enacted into positive law for the purpose of strik-  
18 ing gender-specific pronouns and nouns and inserting gen-  
19 der-neutral language in each case in which such amend-  
20 ments conform to the understood policy, intent, and pur-  
21 pose of the Congress in the original enactments.

22 (d) GENDER-NEUTRAL LANGUAGE DEFINED.—The  
23 term “gender-neutral language” means language that ex-  
24 pressly or implicitly refers to all genders without distinc-  
25 tion between such genders and does not expressly or im-

- 1 plicitly refer to a gender to the real or apparent exclusion
- 2 of any other gender.