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118TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

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

To provide a private right of action for persons harmed by violations of the Franchise Rule of the Federal Trade Commission, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY 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 “Franchisee Freedom  
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
8 sion of law, any person found to have committed any viola-

1 tion of part 436 of title 16, Code of Federal Regulations,  
2 shall be liable to any person harmed by such violation  
3 for—

4 (1) actual damages;

5 (2) additional equitable relief, including rescis-  
6 sion of any contract and such other equitable relief  
7 as a court may find appropriate; and

8 (3) reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

9 (b) JURISDICTION AND VENUE.—Jurisdiction and  
10 venue of a civil action under this section shall be concur-  
11 rent and may be commenced in—

12 (1) the United States District Court in the dis-  
13 trict in which the claimant resides; or

14 (2) in a State court of competent jurisdiction in  
15 the State in which the claimant resides.