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To amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to require the inclusion of credit scores with free annual credit reports provided to consumers, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 17, 2011

Mr. COHEN (for himself, Ms. RICHARDSON, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. McDERMOTT, Ms. NORTON, and Ms. TSONGAS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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 “Fair Access to Credit
5 Scores Act of 2011”.

6 **SEC. 2. CREDIT SCORES INCLUDED IN FREE ANNUAL DIS-**
7 **CLOSURES.**

8 Section 609 of the Fair Credit Reporting Act (15
9 U.S.C. 1681g) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a)(1), by adding at the end
2 the following flush sentence:

3 “Notwithstanding subparagraph (B), all consumer
4 reporting agencies described in section 603(p) shall
5 disclose any information in the consumer’s file at the
6 time of the request concerning credit scores or any
7 other risk scores or predictors relating to the con-
8 sumer if such request is made in connection with a
9 free annual disclosure made pursuant to section
10 612(a).”; and

11 (2) in subsection (f), by amending paragraph
12 (6) to read as follows:

13 “(6) MAINTENANCE OF CREDIT SCORES.—All
14 consumer reporting agencies described in section
15 603(p) shall maintain information in the consumer’s
16 file concerning credit scores or any other risk scores
17 or predictors relating to the consumer for a period
18 of no less than 1 year from the date on which such
19 information is placed in the consumer’s file.”.

20 **SEC. 3. BANKRUPTCY RISK SCORE STUDY.**

21 (a) GAO STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the
22 United States shall carry out a study of bankruptcy risk
23 scores used by consumer reporting agencies. Such study
24 shall include an analysis of—

1 (1) the factors used to determine bankruptcy
2 risk scores;

3 (2) how bankruptcy risk scores impact the abil-
4 ity of consumers to receive loans;

5 (3) actions that consumers can take to improve
6 their bankruptcy risk score; and

7 (4) such other factors as the Comptroller Gen-
8 eral determines to be appropriate.

9 (b) REPORT.—Not later than the end of the 6-month
10 period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act,
11 the Comptroller General shall submit a report to the Con-
12 gress containing all findings and determinations made in
13 carrying out the study required under subsection (a).

14 (c) BANKRUPTCY RISK SCORE DEFINED.—For pur-
15 poses of this section, the term “bankruptcy risk score”
16 means a numerical value or a categorization derived from
17 a statistical tool or modeling system used to predict the
18 likelihood of whether a consumer will file for bankruptcy.

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