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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. BONAMICI introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Equal Remedies Act
5 of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. EQUALIZATION OF REMEDIES.**

2 Section 1977A of the Revised Statutes (42 U.S.C.
3 1981a) is amended—

4 (1) by amending (b)(3) to read as follows:

5 “(3) LOSSES.—Compensatory damages are
6 available under this section for past and future pe-
7 cuniary losses, emotional pain, suffering, inconven-
8 ience, mental anguish, loss of enjoyment of life, and
9 other non-pecuniary losses.”; and

10 (2) in subsection (c) by striking “section—”
11 and all that follows through the period at the end,
12 and inserting “section, any party may demand a
13 jury trial.”.

14 **SEC. 3. COMPENSATORY AND PUNITIVE DAMAGES AVAIL-**
15 **ABLE FOR AGE DISCRIMINATION.**

16 Section 7(b) of the Age Discrimination in Employ-
17 ment Act of 1967 (29 U.S.C. 626(b)) is amended—

18 (1) by striking “The” and all that follows
19 through the 3d sentence and inserting the following:

20 “Except as otherwise provided in another subsection of
21 this section, or section 9 of this Act, the powers, remedies,
22 and procedures set forth in sections 705, 706, 707, 709,
23 and 710 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C.
24 2000e-4, 2000e-5, 2000e-6, 2000e-8, and 2000e-9)
25 shall be the powers, remedies, and procedures this Act
26 provides to the Commission, to the Attorney General, or

1 to any person alleging discrimination on the basis of age
2 in violation of sections 4 and 15 of this Act, or regulations
3 promulgated under section 9 of this Act.”; and

4 (2) in the 4th sentence by striking “or enforce-
5 ing the liability for amounts deemed to be unpaid
6 minimum wages or unpaid overtime compensation
7 under this section” and inserting “and including any
8 type of legal or equitable relief available under title
9 VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C.
10 2000e et seq.)”.