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2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 3971

To amend title 18, United States Code, to exempt qualified former agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation from State laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed firearms.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 8, 1994

Mr. COX introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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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 “Retired Federal Bu-  
5 reau of Investigation Agent Self-Defense Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds that—

1 (1) retired agents of the Federal Bureau of In-  
2 vestigation have a legitimate interest in protecting  
3 themselves from criminals they have arrested in the  
4 course of their official duties; and

5 (2) subject to periodic licensing reviews, retired  
6 agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation should  
7 be allowed to carry concealed firearms after retire-  
8 ment.

9 **SEC. 3. EXEMPTION OF QUALIFIED FORMER FBI AGENTS**  
10 **FROM STATE LAWS PROHIBITING THE CAR-**  
11 **RYING OF CONCEALED FIREARMS.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 44 of title 18, United  
13 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 926A  
14 the following:

15 **“§926B. Carrying of concealed firearms by qualified**  
16 **former FBI agents**

17 “(a) Notwithstanding any provision of the law of any  
18 State or any political subdivision thereof, a qualified  
19 former FBI agent may carry a concealed firearm on a day  
20 if the former agent is carrying a document, issued to the  
21 former agent by the Federal Bureau of Investigation dur-  
22 ing the 3-year period ending on that day, which certifies  
23 that the former FBI agent is qualified to operate a fire-  
24 arm.

1 “(b) As used in this section, the term ‘qualified  
2 former FBI agent’ means an individual who—

3 “(1) retired from service with the Federal Bu-  
4 reau of Investigation;

5 “(2) has a nonforfeitable right to benefits under  
6 the retirement plan of the Bureau; and

7 “(3) immediately before such retirement, had  
8 been authorized by the Bureau to carry a firearm in  
9 the course of duty.”.

10 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
11 for such chapter is amended by inserting after the item  
12 relating to section 926A the following:

“926B. Carrying of concealed firearms by qualified former FBI agents.”.

13 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
14 this section shall take effect 90 days after the date of the  
15 enactment of this Act.

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