

105TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 2935

To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act to ensure that States have in effect a law that requires a background check to be conducted in connection with the purchase of a handgun from a licensed firearms dealer.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 8, 1997

Mr. ACKERMAN (for himself, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. BLAGOJEVICH, Mr. CASTLE, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. FILNER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. MANTON, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MILLER of California, Mr. OWENS, Mr. PASCRELL, Mrs. ROUKEMA, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. STARK, Mr. WEXLER, Ms. WOOLSEY, and Mr. YATES) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Brady Voluntary Com-
3 pliance Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. GRANT REDUCTION.**

5 (a) GRANT REDUCTION FOR NONCOMPLIANCE.—Sec-
6 tion 506 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe
7 Streets Act of 1968 is amended by adding at the end the
8 following:

9 “(g) BACKGROUND CHECK.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The funds available under
11 this part for a State shall be reduced by 25 percent
12 and redistributed under paragraph (2) unless the
13 State has in effect throughout the State a law which
14 requires that a background check of the type de-
15 scribed in section 922(s) of title 18, United States
16 Code, be conducted in connection with the purchase
17 of a handgun by any individual from a licensed fire-
18 arms dealer in such State.

19 “(2) REDISTRIBUTION.—Any funds available
20 for redistribution shall be redistributed to participat-
21 ing States that have in effect a law referred to in
22 paragraph (1).

23 “(3) COMPLIANCE.—The Attorney General
24 shall issue regulations to ensure compliance with the
25 requirements of paragraph (1).”.

1 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 506(a) of
2 title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act
3 of 1968 is amended by striking “subsection (f),” and in-
4 serting “subsections (f) and (g),”.

5 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
6 subsection (a) shall take effect on February 1, 1998.

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