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S. 1656

To amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to strengthen Federal standards for licensing firearms dealers and heighten reporting requirements, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 10 (legislative day, NOVEMBER 2), 1993

Mr. BENNETT (for himself and Mr. SIMON) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. FIREARMS LICENSURE AND REGISTRATION TO**
4 **REQUIRE A PHOTOGRAPH AND FINGER-**
5 **PRINTS.**

6 (a) FIREARMS LICENSURE.—Section 923(a) of title
7 18, United States Code, is amended in the second sentence

1 by inserting “and shall include a photograph and finger-
2 prints of the applicant” before the period.

3 (b) REGISTRATION.—Section 5802 of the Internal
4 Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by inserting after the
5 first sentence the following: “An individual required to
6 register under this section shall include a photograph and
7 fingerprints of the individual with the initial application.”.

8 **SEC. 2. COMPLIANCE WITH STATE AND LOCAL LAW AS CON-**
9 **DITION TO LICENSE.**

10 Section 923(d)(1) of title 18, United States Code, is
11 amended—

12 (1) by striking “and” at the end of subpara-
13 graph (D);

14 (2) by striking the period at the end of sub-
15 paragraph (E) and inserting “; and”; and

16 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
17 paragraph:

18 “(F) the applicant certifies that—

19 “(i) the business to be conducted
20 under the license is not prohibited by State
21 or local law in the place where the licensed
22 premises is located;

23 “(ii) (I) within 30 days after the appli-
24 cation is approved the business will comply
25 with the requirements of State and local

1 law applicable to the conduct of the busi-
 2 ness; and

3 “(II) the business will not be con-
 4 ducted under the license until the require-
 5 ments of State and local law applicable to
 6 the business have been met; and

7 “(iii) the applicant has sent or deliv-
 8 ered to the chief law enforcement officer of
 9 the locality in which the premises are lo-
 10 cated a form, prescribed by the Secretary,
 11 indicating that the applicant intends to
 12 apply for a Federal firearms license.”.

13 **SEC. 3. ACTION ON FIREARMS LICENSE APPLICATION.**

14 Section 923(d)(2) of title 18, United States Code, is
 15 amended by striking “forty-five-day” and inserting “60-
 16 day”.

17 **SEC. 4. INSPECTION OF FIREARMS LICENSEES’ INVENTORY**
 18 **AND RECORDS.**

19 Section 923(g)(1)(B)(ii) of title 18, United States
 20 Code, is amended to read as follows:

21 “(ii) for ensuring compliance with the record
 22 keeping requirements of this chapter—

23 “(I) not more than once during any 12-
 24 month period; or

1 “(II) at any time with respect to records
2 relating to a firearm involved in a criminal in-
3 vestigation that is traced to the licensee.”.

4 **SEC. 5. REPORTS OF THEFT OR LOSS OF FIREARMS.**

5 Section 923(g) of title 18, United States Code, is
6 amended by adding at the end the following new para-
7 graph:

8 “(6) Each licensee shall report the theft or loss of
9 a firearm from the licensee’s inventory or collection, within
10 48 hours after the theft or loss is discovered, to the Sec-
11 retary and to appropriate local authorities.”.

12 **SEC. 6. RESPONSES TO REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION.**

13 Section 923(g) of title 18, United States Code, as
14 amended by section 5, is amended by adding at the end
15 the following new paragraph:

16 “(7) Each licensee shall respond immediately to, and
17 in no event later than 24 hours after receipt of, a request
18 by the Secretary for information contained in the records
19 required to be kept by this chapter as may be required
20 for determining the disposition of 1 or more firearms in
21 the course of a bona fide criminal investigation. The re-
22 quested information shall be provided orally or in writing,
23 as the Secretary may require. The Secretary shall imple-
24 ment a system whereby the licensee can positively identify
25 and establish that an individual requesting information via

1 telephone is employed by and authorized by the agency
2 to request such information.”.

3 **SEC. 7. NOTIFICATION OF NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF**
4 **FIREARMS LICENSEES.**

5 Section 923 of title 18, United States Code, is
6 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
7 section:

8 “(l) The Secretary of the Treasury shall notify the
9 chief law enforcement officer in the appropriate State and
10 local jurisdictions of the names and address of all persons
11 in the State to whom a firearms license is issued.”.

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