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To condition certain justice assistance grants to the States on the implementation of handgun registration systems.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NADLER (for himself, Mr. WEINER, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. LEE, and Mr. GUTIERREZ) 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Handgun Registration
5 Act of 1999”.

6 **SEC. 2. GRANT REDUCTION FOR NONCOMPLIANCE.**

7 (a) GRANT REDUCTION.—Section 506 of title I of the
8 Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42
9 U.S.C. 3756) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
10 lowing:

1 “(g) INFORMATION ACCESS.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The funds available under
3 this subpart for a State shall be reduced by 25 per-
4 cent and redistributed under paragraph (2) unless
5 the State has in effect throughout the State a law
6 which requires—

7 “(A) that each individual to whom a hand-
8 gun is transferred to complete a handgun reg-
9 istration form that includes, at a minimum—

10 “(i) information identifying the trans-
11 feree, including name, address, date of
12 birth, and State handgun license number;
13 and

14 “(ii) information identifying the hand-
15 gun, including make, model, caliber, and
16 serial number; and

17 “(iii) proof of insurance coverage for
18 the transferee’s liability to any person who,
19 while engaged in lawful activity, suffers
20 bodily injury or death through the misuse
21 of that handgun resulting from the trans-
22 feree’s negligence; and

23 “(B) the chief law enforcement officer of
24 the State to furnish information from handgun

1 registration forms to Federal, State, and local
2 law enforcement authorities upon request.

3 “(2) REDISTRIBUTION.—Any funds available
4 for redistribution shall be redistributed to partici-
5 pating States that have in effect a law referred to
6 in paragraph (1).

7 “(3) COMPLIANCE.—The Attorney General
8 shall issue regulations to ensure compliance with the
9 requirements of paragraph (1).”.

10 “(4) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of paragraph
11 (1), the term—

12 “(A) ‘State handgun registration form’
13 means a form prescribed under State law con-
14 sistent with this paragraph; and

15 “(B) ‘chief law enforcement officer of the
16 State’ means the chief, or equivalent officer, of
17 the State police force, or the designee of that
18 officer.”.

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

23 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
24 subsection (a) shall take effect on the first day of each

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1 fiscal year succeeding the first fiscal year beginning 2
2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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