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H. R. 4458

To amend title 13, United States Code, to limit the information that may be requested on decennial census questionnaires.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 15, 2000

Mr. TERRY (for himself and Mr. MANZULLO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

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. LIMITATION ON INFORMATION THAT MAY BE**
4 **REQUESTED ON CENSUS QUESTIONNAIRES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) of section 141 of
6 title 13, United States Code, is amended—

7 (1) by striking “(a)” and inserting “(a)(1)”;

8 (2) by striking the last sentence; and

9 (3) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(2) In connection with any such census—

1 “(A) the Secretary is authorized to request no
2 information apart from what was asked on the short
3 form used in the 2000 decennial census of popu-
4 lation; and

5 “(B) the question on ethnicity shall be included
6 as part of the question on race in the form of a sin-
7 gle option designated as ‘Spanish/Hispanic/Latino’.”.

8 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 141(f) of
9 title 13, United States Code, is amended by striking the
10 matter following “census—” and inserting the following:

11 “(1) not later than 2 years before the appro-
12 priate census date, a report containing the Sec-
13 retary’s determination of the questions proposed to
14 be included in such census; and

15 “(2) after submission of a report under para-
16 graph (1) and before the appropriate census date, if
17 the Secretary finds new circumstances exist which
18 necessitate that the questions contained in a report
19 so submitted be modified, a report containing the
20 Secretary’s determination of the questions as pro-
21 posed to be modified.”.

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