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FINAL VOTE RESULTS FOR ROLL CALL 235

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AUTHOR(S): McCarthy of New York Amendment

QUESTION: On Agreeing to the Amendment

	AYES	NOES	PRES	NV
REPUBLICAN	33	186		3
DEMOCRATIC	159	49		3
INDEPENDENT	1			
TOTALS	193	235		6

-- AYES 193 --

42 VOTES

Abercrombie	Gephardt	Nadler
Ackerman	Gilchrest	Napolitano
Allen	Gonzalez	Neal
Andrews	Goodling	Olver
Baldacci	Greenwood	Ose
Baldwin	Gutierrez	Owens
Barrett (WI)	Hall (OH)	Pallone
Bateman	Hastings (FL)	Pascrell
Becerra	Hinchey	Pastor
Bentsen	Hinojosa	Payne
Bereuter	Hoeffel	Pelosi
Berkley	Holt	Pomeroy
Berman	Hooley	Porter
Berry	Horn	Price (NC)
Bilbray	Hoyer	Quinn
Blagojevich	Inslee	Ramstad
Blumenauer	Jackson (IL)	Rangel
Boehlert	Jackson-Lee (TX)	Reyes
Bonior	Jefferson	Rivers
Borski	Johnson (CT)	Rodriguez
Brady (PA)	Johnson, E. B.	Rogan
Brown (FL)	Jones (OH)	Ros-Lehtinen
Brown (OH)	Kaptur	Rothman
Campbell	Kennedy	Roukema
Capps	Kildee	Roybal-Allard
Capuano	Kilpatrick	Rush
Cardin	King (NY)	Sabo
Castle	Kleczka	Sanchez

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Clay	Klink	Sanders
Clayton	Kucinich	Sawyer
Clyburn	Kuykendall	Schakowsky
Condit	LaFalce	Scott
Conyers	Lantos	Serrano
Coyne	Larson	Shaw
Crowley	Lazio	Shays
Cummings	Leach	Sherman
Davis (FL)	Lee	Slaughter
Davis (IL)	Levin	Smith (NJ)
Davis (VA)	Lewis (GA)	Snyder
DeFazio	Lipinski	Spratt
DeGette	Lofgren	Stabenow
Delahunt	Lowey	Stark
DeLauro	Luther	Stupak
Deutsch	Maloney (CT)	Tauscher
Diaz-Balart	Maloney (NY)	Thompson (CA)
Dicks	Markey	Thompson (MS)
Dixon	Martinez	Tierney
Doggett	Matsui	Towns
Dooley	McCarthy (MO)	Udall (CO)
Doyle	McCarthy (NY)	Udall (NM)
Edwards	McDermott	Upton
Engel	McGovern	Velazquez
Eshoo	McKinney	Vento
Evans	McNulty	Visclosky
Farr	Meehan	Waters
Fattah	Meek (FL)	Watt (NC)
Filner	Meeks (NY)	Waxman
Forbes	Menendez	Weiner
Ford	Millender-McDonald	Wexler
Frank (MA)	Miller, George	Weygand
Franks (NJ)	Mink	Woolsey
Frelinghuysen	Moakley	Wu
Frost	Moore	Wynn
Ganske	Moran (VA)	<u>Republicans - 33</u>
Gejdenson	Morella	

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Aderholt	Goss	Peterson (PA)
Archer	Graham	Petri

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Bachus	Green (TX)	Pickering
Baird	Green (WI)	Pickett
Baker	Gutknecht	Pitts
Ballenger	Hall (TX)	Pombo
Barcia	Hansen	Portman
Barr	Hastings (WA)	Pryce (OH)
Barrett (NE)	Hayes	Radanovich
Bartlett	Hayworth	Rahall
Barton	Hefley	Regula
Bass	Herger	Reynolds
Biggert	Hill (IN)	Riley
Bilirakis	Hill (MT)	Roemer
Bishop	Hilleary	Rogers
Bliley	Hilliard	Rohrabacher
Blunt	Hobson	Royce
Boehner	Hoekstra	Ryan (WI)
Bonilla	Holden	Ryun (KS)
Bono	Hostettler	Sandlin
Boswell	Hulshof	Sanford
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Boyd	Hutchinson	Scarborough
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Bryant	Isakson	Sensenbrenner
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Burton	Jenkins	Shadegg
Buyer	John	Sherwood
Callahan	Johnson, Sam	Shimkus
Calvert	Jones (NC)	Shows
Camp	Kanjorski	Shuster
Canady	Kasich	Simpson
Cannon	Kelly	Sisisky
Chabot	Kind (WI)	Skeen
Chambliss	Kingston	Skelton
Chenoweth	Knollenberg	Smith (MI)
Clement	Kolbe	Smith (TX)
Coble	LaHood	Smith (WA)
Coburn	Lampson	Souder
Collins	Largent	Spence
Combest	Latham	Stearns
Cook	LaTourette	Stenholm
Cooksey	Lewis (CA)	Strickland

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Cox	Linder	Sununu
Cramer	LoBiondo	Sweeney
Crane	Lucas (KY)	Talent
Cubin	Lucas (OK)	Tancred
Cunningham	Manzullo	Tanner
Danner	Mascara	Tauzin
Deal	McCollum	Taylor (MS)
DeLay	McCrery	Taylor (NC)
DeMint	McHugh	Terry
Dickey	McInnis	Thornberry
Dingell	McIntosh	Thune
Doolittle	McIntyre	Thurman
Dreier	McKeon	Tiahrt
Duncan	Metcalf	Toomey
Dunn	Mica	Traficant
Ehlers	Miller (FL)	Turner
Ehrlich	Miller, Gary	Vitter
Emerson	Mollohan	Walden
English	Moran (KS)	Walsh
Etheridge	Murtha	Wamp
Everett	Myrick	Watkins
Ewing	Nethercutt	Watts (OK)
Fletcher	Ney	Weldon (FL)
Foley	Northup	Weldon (PA)
Fossella	Norwood	Weller
Fowler	Nussle	Whitfield
Gallegly	Oberstar	Wicker
Gekas	Obey	Wilson
Gibbons	Ortiz	Wise
Gillmor	Oxley	Wolf
Gilman	Packard	Young (AK)
Goode	Paul	Young (FL)
Goodlatte	Pease	Democrat - 44
Gordon	Peterson (MN)	

--- NOT VOTING 6 ---

Brown (CA)	Houghton	Salmon
Carson	Minge	Thomas

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COMMENTS: * You have probably seen this. It was

forwarded to me by House Judiciary, and is
apparently a bootleg copy of the Republican
legislative agenda draft.

* Note - "Project Exile" scheduled for Judiciary
committee late February / April, plus last page text:
"hold good bills for veto" Labor Day to Adjournment.

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Agenda 2000/Floor Schedule

(January 12, 2000)

January to February Recess

- Marriage Penalty Repeal (W&M)
- Taiwan Security Enhancement Act (IR/AS)
- Ashcroft Litigation Reform (JUD)
- Workplace Goods and Jobs Growth Act/Chabot statute of repose bill (JUD/COM)
- Database Protection (JUD/COM)
- FAIR Act - Small business attorneys' fee recoupment at OSHA & NLRB - (E&W)

February Recess to April Recess

- Budget Resolution - House and final consideration (BUD)
- Death Tax Repeal (W&M)
- IRA Expansion/Retirement Incentives (W&M/E&W)
- Social Security Lockbox 2 - automatic sequestration?; constitutional amendment?; debt buydown? (BUD/JUD/W&M)
- Education Savings Accounts (W&M)
- Social Security Earnings Limit Repeal (W&M)
- Community Renewal (W&M)
- Sunset the Code (W&M)
- Internet Tax Moratorium (W&M/COM)
- Partial Birth Abortion Ban (JUD)
- Biennial Budget Reform (BUD/RUL)
- Supplemental Appropriations - Kosovo, etc. (APP)
- Digital Signatures conference report (JUD/COM)
- Defense Authorization (AS)
- Bankruptcy conference report - still needs Senate action (JUD)
- Minimum Wage/Small Business Tax Incentives (E&W/W&M)
- HMO Reform conference report (W&M/COM/E&W)
- Even Start Reauthorization (E&W)
- Rural Loan Guarantees for Satellite TV (BNK/AG)
- COMSAT/Satellite Privatization conference report (COM)
- OSHA Home Workplace Protection (E&W)
- Remainder of ESEA programs/excludes drug-free schools (E&W)
- Project Exile (JUD)
- FAA Reauthorization conference report (T&I)
- NASA Authorization conference report - bill has passed both House & Senate (SCI)
- Defense Appropriations
- Labor/HHS Appropriations
- VA/HUD Appropriations

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April Recess to July 4th Recess

- Agriculture Appropriations
- Commerce/Justice/State Appropriations
- D.C. Appropriations
- Energy and Water Appropriations
- Foreign Operations Appropriations
- Interior Appropriations
- Legislative Appropriations
- Military Construction Appropriations
- Transportation Appropriations
- Treasury/Postal Appropriations
- Prescription Drugs (W&M/COM)
- D.C. Scholarships (GR)
- Intelligence Authorization (INT/AS)
- Yucca Mountain - Senate acts first, then the House (COM/T&I/SUD)
- Pain Relief Promotion Act/Assisted Suicide conference report (JUD/COM) - still needs Senate action
- Unborn Victims of Violence Act conference report - still needs Senate action (JUD/AS)
- Child Custody Protection Act conference report - still needs Senate action (JUD)
- Crop Insurance conference report - still needs Senate action (AG)
- Utah National Park & Public Lands Wilderness Act (RES)
- National Science Foundation Reauthorization (SCI)
- Money Laundering (BNK/JUD)
- Water Resources Development Act (T&I)
- Methamphetamine Drug Enforcement (JUD/COM)
- Union Democracy (E&W)

July 4th to August Recess

(Need to be cognizant of moving legislation in this time frame which helps us set up the August recess - though the conventions may drown that out)

- ESEA Reauthorization conference report - still needs Senate action (E&W)
- Omnibus Crime Bill Reauthorization - local law enforcement grants, truth-in-sentencing grants, Violence Against Women Act (JUD)
- WTO - Continued U.S. participation (W&M)
- Permanent NTR for China (W&M)
- Superfund Reform (COM/T&I/W&M)
- H1-B Visas (JUD)
- Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization (RES)
- Marine Mammal Protection Act Reauthorization (RES)
- Export Administration Act Reauthorization (IR/AS/BNK)

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Labor Day to Adjournment



- ☐ Field good bills that will be vetoed
- ☐ Reconsideration of vetoed appropriations bills

JACK REED
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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-3903

December 17, 1999

Mr. Bruce Reed
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The White House
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Dear Bruce:

I am writing to seek your support for legislation I am introducing early next year, the Handgun Safety and Registration Act of 2000. I understand that the Administration is now preparing a broad strategy for the upcoming year to reduce gun violence in our communities. I believe handgun registration is a crucial component of any effort to prevent these weapons from falling into the wrong hands and to enable law enforcement agencies nationwide to more easily trace handguns used in crime.

Many Americans are unaware that there is a successful federal weapons registration system already in place under the 1934 National Firearms Act (NFA). As you know, the NFA requires registration of all machine guns, short-barrel shotguns and short-barrel rifles, silencers, bombs, grenades, and other specialized weapons.

The Handgun Safety and Registration Act would require the registration of all handguns under the NFA within one year of enactment. The bill would help law enforcement more effectively trace handguns used in crime by making registration data available on-line to state and local law enforcement agencies. Tracing methods used today are extremely cumbersome and favor criminals over the police. When a crime gun is recovered, a state or local law enforcement agency contacts ATF with the name of the manufacturer and the serial number of the handgun -- if it has not been removed by the criminal. ATF in turn contacts the manufacturer, which provides the name of the wholesale or retail dealer to whom the handgun was sold. ATF then contacts the dealer to obtain the name of the individual or another retail dealer who purchased the handgun.

All too often, this is where the trail goes cold, and another gun crime may go unsolved. If the individual handgun owner has sold the gun to another person in a private sale, there is no way for law enforcement to follow the path of the handgun without time-consuming detective work and a good deal of luck. Subsequent private transfers or gun show sales are similarly unrecorded. Even before the first retail sale, law enforcement is completely dependent upon the record keeping of gun manufacturers and gun dealers to follow the trail of a handgun from manufacture to criminal use. There is currently no law enforcement database of handgun production or sales in the United States. The Handgun Safety and Registration Act would give the advantage back to the police by making handgun registration data available to law enforcement in an easily accessible format.

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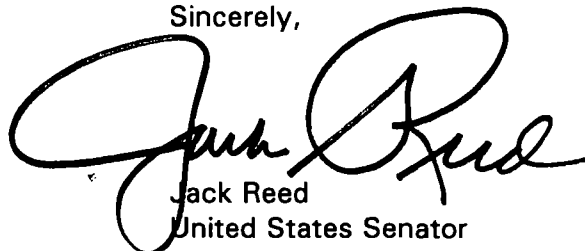
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In addition to improving law enforcement's tracing capabilities, the Handgun Safety and Registration Act would help to prevent handguns from ending up in the possession of people who are likely to commit gun crimes. The bill would require registration of all handguns, including those currently in private possession, and would make it a felony for any person to transfer a handgun to another individual without prior law enforcement approval. As it currently does for all NFA weapons, ATF would conduct a background check on the transferee through the National Crime Information Center (NCIC), the Treasury Enforcement Criminal System (TECS), and the National Law Enforcement Tracking System (NLETS). This would provide a clear incentive for all handgun owners and dealers to exercise great caution when they choose to sell or otherwise transfer a handgun to another person.

It is my hope that by requiring registration of all handguns under the National Firearms Act, we can give law enforcement officials the tools to conduct faster and more reliable tracing of handguns used in crime, and prevent handguns from falling into criminal hands in the first place. Handgun Control, Inc. has expressed support for this effort, along with the Violence Policy Center and Physicians for Social Responsibility.

I look forward to discussing this legislation with you in the near future and to working with the Administration to pass sensible, effective gun legislation next year. I have enclosed a copy of the bill and a summary for your review. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Steve Eichenauer of my staff at 202-224-4642.

Sincerely,



Jack Reed
United States Senator

Enclosures



Handgun Safety and Registration Act of 2000 Summary

- Adds handguns to the list of weapons registered by the Secretary of the Treasury, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF), under the National Firearms Act (NFA), which currently covers machine guns, short-barrel shotguns, short-barrel rifles, silencers, bombs, grenades, and other specialized weapons. **[Subsection 2(a)]**
- Requires all handguns, including those currently in private possession, to be registered with ATF within one year of enactment. If a handgun is transferred to another individual during the one-year transition period, the bill requires the handgun to be registered prior to the transfer. **[Subsection 2(f)]**
- Imposes federal law enforcement background checks on all handgun transfers, including both primary and secondary transfers. For all NFA weapons, ATF conducts background checks through the National Crime Information Center (NCIC), the Treasury Enforcement Criminal System (TECS), and the National Law Enforcement Tracking System (NLETS).
- To ensure compliance with the Handgun Safety and Registration Act, the bill requires the Secretary to take measures to inform the public of the requirements of the Act, such as public service announcements. **[Subsection 2(h)]**
- Requires ATF to share handgun registration data with local, state, and federal law enforcement officials to enhance tracing capabilities (exempts handgun registration information from the disclosure restrictions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, of which the NFA is a part). **[Subsection 2(e)]**
- Imposes a tax of \$5 on handgun registration and transfers, rather than the \$200 tax imposed on most NFA weapons. **[Subsections 2(b) and 2(f)(1)]**
- Imposes a \$50 tax on the making of a handgun, rather than the \$200 tax imposed on the making of most NFA weapons. **[Subsection 2(c)]**
- Permits the continued importation of handguns by excluding handguns from the general prohibition on importation of NFA firearms under section 5844 of the NFA. **[Subsection 2(d)]**
- Only required participation by state and local law enforcement is the Chief Law Enforcement Officer's completion of the "Law Enforcement Certification" portion of ATF registration or transfer form (as currently required for all NFA weapons). State and local law enforcement agencies are not required to administer the registration program or send forms to ATF. On a voluntary basis, they may choose to provide ATF registration documents to the public.

- To further ensure that registration and transfer forms are readily available to the public, the bill requires ATF to post forms on the Internet in a downloadable format, and to make forms available to state and local law enforcement agencies, the U.S. Postal Service, and regional offices of ATF and other Treasury Department bureaus. **[Subsection 2(g)]**
- Authorizes such appropriations as may be necessary to enable ATF to administer the new handgun registration and background check provisions in the bill. **[Subsection 2(i)]**

How would it work?

- The handgun owner (the registrant) obtains an ATF registration form and FBI fingerprint form FD-258, either from his or her local Chief Law Enforcement Officer, by mail from ATF, at a U.S. Post Office, or from a regional ATF/Treasury Department facility.
- The registrant fills out the registration form and affixes a 2x2 inch photograph of himself taken within the past year.
- The registrant takes the form to his or her Chief Law Enforcement Officer, who completes the "Law Enforcement Certification" portion of the form.
- The registrant completes FBI fingerprint card Form FD-258. Fingerprints must be taken by a person qualified to do so and must be clear, unsmudged and classifiable.
- A check or money order for \$5 is made payable to ATF by the registrant.
- The registrant sends all completed forms, accompanying materials, and tax payment to:
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms
P.O. Box 73201
Chicago, IL 60673
- If application is approved, the original of the form with the canceled stamp affixed, showing approval, will be returned to the applicant. Otherwise, the tax will be refunded.

Transferring a handgun

Transfer procedures are similar to the registration process described above, except that the transferee completes the reverse of the transfer form, has the Chief Law Enforcement Officer complete the "Law Enforcement Certification," and attaches photos and fingerprint data.

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106TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. REED introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to
the Committee on _____

A BILL

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require
the registration of handguns, and for other purposes.

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 Safety and
5 Registration Act of 2000”.

6 **SEC. 2. REGISTRATION OF HANDGUNS.**

7 (a) HANDGUN INCLUDED IN DEFINITION OF FIRE-
8 ARM.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 5845(a) of the In-
10 ternal Revenue Code of 1986 (defining firearm) is
11 amended by striking “and (8) a destructive device”

1 and inserting “(8) a handgun; and (9) a destructive
2 device”.

3 (2) DEFINITION OF HANDGUN.—Section 5845
4 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to
5 definitions) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
6 lowing:

7 “(n) HANDGUN.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘handgun’ means
9 any weapon (including a starter gun) which—

10 “(A) is designed to or may be readily con-
11 verted to expel a projectile by the action of an
12 explosive, and

13 “(B) has a short stock and is designed to
14 be held and fired by the use of a single hand.

15 “(2) DISASSEMBLED PARTS INCLUDED.—Such
16 term shall also include the frame or receiver of any
17 such weapon, and any combination of parts from
18 which a handgun can be assembled if such parts are
19 in the possession or under the control of a person.

20 “(3) EXCLUSION.—Such term shall not include
21 a firearm classified as ‘any other weapon’ under sub-
22 section (e).”.

23 (b) TRANSFER TAX IMPOSED ON HANDGUNS.—Sec-
24 tion 5811(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relat-

1 ing to rate) is amended by inserting “or as a handgun
2 under section 5845(a)(8)” after “section 5845(c)”.

3 (c) TAX ON MAKING FIREARMS IMPOSED ON HAND-
4 GUNS.—Section 5821(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of
5 1986 (relating to rate) is amended by inserting “, except,
6 the tax on any firearm classified as a handgun under sec-
7 tion 5845(a)(8) shall be at the rate of \$50 for each such
8 firearm made” after “firearm made”.

9 (d) IMPORTATION POLICY CONTINUED.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 5844 of the Internal
11 Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to importation) is
12 amended by adding at the end the following: “This
13 section shall not apply to any firearm classified as
14 a handgun under section 5845(a)(8).”.

15 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
16 925(d)(3) of title 18, United States Code, is amend-
17 ed by inserting “(without regard to paragraph (8)
18 thereof)” after “section 5845(a)”.

19 (e) SHARING OF REGISTRATION INFORMATION WITH
20 STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 6103(o) of the In-
22 ternal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to disclosure
23 of returns and return information with respect to
24 certain taxes) is amended by adding at the end the
25 following:

1 “(3) TAXES IMPOSED ON TRANSFER OF HAND-
2 GUNS.—Returns and return information with respect
3 to taxes imposed by part II of subchapter A of chap-
4 ter 53 (relating to tax on transferring firearms) on
5 any firearm classified as a handgun under section
6 5845(a)(8) shall be available in an on-line format for
7 inspection by or disclosure to officers and employees
8 of—

9 “(A) any Federal law enforcement agency,
10 and

11 “(B) any State or local law enforcement
12 agency,

13 whose official duties require such inspection or dis-
14 closure.”.

15 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section
16 6103(p)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is
17 amended—

18 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph

19 (A)—

20 (i) by striking “or (o)(1)” and insert-
21 ing “(o)(1), or (o)(3)(A)”,

22 (ii) by striking “or (l)(6)” and insert-
23 ing “(l)(6)”,

24 (iii) by inserting “or (o)(3)(B),” after
25 “(16),”, and

1 (B) in subparagraph (F)(i)—

2 (i) by striking “or (l)(6)” and insert-
3 ing “(l)(6)”, and

4 (ii) by inserting “or (o)(3)(B),” after
5 “(16),”, and

6 (C) in subparagraph (F)(ii), by striking
7 “or (o)(1)” and inserting “, (o)(1), or
8 (o)(3)(A)”.

9 (f) TRANSITION RULE FOR NONREGISTERED HAND-
10 GUNS.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Any person possessing any
12 firearm classified as a handgun under section
13 5845(a)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986
14 not registered in the National Firearms Registration
15 and Transfer Record maintained by the Secretary of
16 the Treasury under section 5841 of such Code shall
17 register such handgun—

18 (A) within 1 year of the date of the enact-
19 ment of this Act, or

20 (B) upon the transfer of such handgun be-
21 fore such 1 year anniversary date.

22 (2) TREATMENT OF REGISTRATION AS TRANS-
23 FER.—For purposes of any tax imposed by part II
24 of subchapter A of chapter 53 of the Internal Reve-
25 nue Code of 1986 (relating to tax on transferring

1 firearms) on any firearm classified as a handgun
2 under section 5845(a)(8) of such Code, any registra-
3 tion of such handgun under paragraph (1)(A) shall
4 be considered a transfer of such handgun.

5 (3) NONAPPLICATION OF PENALTY.—Section
6 5861(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 shall
7 not apply with respect to the possession of any
8 handgun before the date of the registration of such
9 handgun under paragraph (1).

10 (g) PROVISION OF REGISTRATION FORMS.—

11 (1) AVAILABILITY.—To promote and assist
12 compliance with the handgun registration require-
13 ments under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as
14 amended by this section, the Secretary of the Treas-
15 ury shall make available such registration and fin-
16 gerprint forms as may be required by the public for
17 compliance with such requirements—

18 (A) to State and local law enforcement
19 agencies and facilities of the Department of the
20 Treasury throughout the States, the United
21 States Postal Service, and such other agencies
22 and departments of the Federal Government as
23 the Secretary determines would aid in making
24 such forms available to the public; and

1 (B) through the Internet in a downloadable
2 format.

3 (2) SINGLE FORM.—The Secretary of the
4 Treasury shall make available registration forms
5 that allow an individual to register the possession or
6 transfer of more than 1 firearm classified as a hand-
7 gun under section 5845(a)(8) of the Internal Reve-
8 nue Code of 1986 on a single form.

9 (h) PROGRAM OF PUBLIC AWARENESS.—Within 60
10 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
11 retary of the Treasury shall commence a program to
12 broaden public awareness of the handgun registration re-
13 quirements under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as
14 amended by this section. Such program may include vol-
15 untary cooperative efforts with Federal, State, and local
16 law enforcement agencies and public service announce-
17 ments as deemed appropriate by the Secretary.

18 (i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
19 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be
20 necessary for the Secretary of the Treasury to carry out
21 the provisions of and amendments made by this Act.

22 (j) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
23 this section shall take effect on the date of the enactment
24 of this Act.