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S. 4926

To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide grants for State firearms dealer licensing programs, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FETTERMAN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. REED, Mr. SCHIFF, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “State Firearms Dealer
5 Licensing Enhancement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. STATE FIREARMS DEALER LICENSING GRANT PRO-**
2 **GRAM.**

3 (a) GRANT PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—Title I of the
4 Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34
5 U.S.C. 10101 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
6 the following:

7 **“PART PP—STATE FIREARMS DEALER LICENSING**
8 **GRANT PROGRAM**

9 **“SEC. 3061. DEFINITIONS.**

10 “In this part:

11 “(1) ELIGIBLE APPLICANT.—The term ‘eligible
12 applicant’ means a State or Indian tribal govern-
13 ment that has in effect a law that, at a minimum,
14 requires the following:

15 “(A) In order to engage in business as a
16 firearms dealer in the area subject to the juris-
17 diction of the State or Indian tribal govern-
18 ment, a person shall be a licensed dealer and be
19 licensed as a firearms dealer under such law.

20 “(B) A person shall only be licensed as a
21 firearms dealer under such law upon successful
22 completion of the application process set by
23 such law.

24 “(C) A license to engage in business as a
25 firearms dealer shall be valid for not more than
26 3 years.

1 “(D) A person licensed as a firearms deal-
 2 er shall submit to inspections under the law of
 3 the State or Indian tribal government.

4 “(E) Noncompliance of a person licensed
 5 as a firearms dealer with a requirement for fire-
 6 arms dealers under the law of the State or In-
 7 dian tribal government may result in—

8 “(i) the suspension or revocation of
 9 the license; and

10 “(ii) the imposition of civil penalties
 11 or criminal charges.

12 “(2) LICENSED DEALER.—The term ‘licensed
 13 dealer’ has the meaning given the term in section
 14 921(a) of title 18, United States Code.

15 **“SEC. 3062. GRANT PROGRAM.**

16 “(a) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—Not later than 180
 17 days after amount to carry out this part are appropriated,
 18 the Attorney General shall award annual grants, on a com-
 19 petitive basis, to eligible applicants for the development,
 20 implementation, improvement, or evaluation of firearms
 21 dealer licensing programs.

22 “(b) APPLICATION.—An eligible applicant desiring a
 23 grant under this part shall submit to the Attorney General
 24 an application at such time, in such manner, and con-

1 taining such information as the Attorney General may re-
2 quire, including—

3 “(1) a description of the law that the applicant
4 has enacted to require a license for any firearms
5 dealer, including a description of any exemptions to
6 such law;

7 “(2) a description of how the applicant will use
8 the grant to develop, implement, improve, or evalu-
9 ate the firearms dealer licensing program of the ap-
10 plicant; and

11 “(3) a description of the inspection bodies and
12 procedures of the applicant used to inspect firearms
13 dealers.

14 “(c) SUBAWARDS.—A State that receives a grant
15 under this part may make a subaward to a unit of local
16 government authorized to oversee and enforce the develop-
17 ment, implementation, improvement, or evaluation of the
18 firearms dealer licensing program for which the grant
19 under this part will be used.

20 “(d) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—

21 “(1) ANNUAL REPORTS BY RECIPIENTS.—An
22 eligible applicant that receives a grant under this
23 part shall provide an annual report to the Attorney
24 General with the following information:

1 “(A) The number of inspections conducted
2 in the jurisdiction of the eligible applicant of
3 persons licensed as a firearms dealer by the eli-
4 gible applicant during the previous year.

5 “(B) The number of violations by persons
6 licensed as a firearms dealer by the eligible ap-
7 plicant that were cited during the previous year,
8 disaggregated by violation type.

9 “(C) The total number of persons licensed
10 as a firearms dealer by the eligible applicant as
11 of the end of the previous year.

12 “(D) The number of licenses to engage in
13 business as a firearms dealer in the jurisdiction
14 of the eligible applicant that, during the pre-
15 vious year, were—

16 “(i) issued;

17 “(ii) renewed;

18 “(iii) suspended; or

19 “(iv) revoked.

20 “(2) TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 390 days
21 after the date on which the Attorney General awards
22 the first grants under this part, and annually there-
23 after, the Attorney General shall submit to Congress
24 and make available publicly through print and elec-

1 tronic means a report that includes the following in-
 2 formation:

3 “(A) A list of eligible applicants who re-
 4 ceived funds under a grant under this part dur-
 5 ing the previous fiscal year, including the funds
 6 awarded, cumulatively and disaggregated by
 7 grantee.

8 “(B) The information reported to the At-
 9 torney General pursuant to paragraph (1),
 10 disaggregated by grantee.

11 “(C) A list of eligible applicants that were
 12 denied grants under this part and the basis for
 13 such denials.

14 “(e) LIMITATION ON GRANT AMOUNT.—A grant
 15 under this part may not be in an amount that is more
 16 than \$2,500,000 per fiscal year.”.

17 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
 18 1001(a) of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe
 19 Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10261(a)) is amended by
 20 adding at the end the following:

21 “(29) There are authorized to be appropriated
 22 such sums as may be necessary for each fiscal year
 23 to carry out part PP.”.

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