

105TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2229

To amend the Controlled Substances Act and the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act with respect to penalties for powder cocaine and crack cocaine offenses.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 23, 1997

Mr. PASCRELL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Get Tough on Cocaine
5 Act of 1997”.

1 **SEC. 2. TRAFFICKING.**

2 (a) 50-GRAM PENALTY.—Section 401(b)(1)(A) of the
3 Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 841(b)(1)(A)) is
4 amended—

5 (1) in clause (ii), by striking “5 kilograms” and
6 inserting “50 grams”; and

7 (2) by striking clause (iii).

8 (b) 5-GRAM PENALTY.—Section 401(b)(1)(B) of the
9 Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 841(b)(1)(B)) is
10 amended—

11 (1) in clause (ii), by striking “500 grams” and
12 inserting “5 grams”; and

13 (2) by striking clause (iii).

14 **SEC. 3. POSSESSION.**

15 Section 404(a) of the Controlled Substances Act (21
16 U.S.C. 844(a)) is amended by striking “cocaine base” and
17 inserting “any controlled substance described in section
18 401(b)(1)(A)(ii)”.

19 **SEC. 4. IMPORT AND EXPORT.**

20 (a) 50-GRAM PENALTY.—Section 1010(b)(1) of the
21 Controlled Substances Import and Export Act (21 U.S.C.
22 960(b)(1)) is amended—

23 (1) in subparagraph (B), by striking “5 kilo-
24 grams” and inserting “50 grams”; and

25 (2) by striking out subparagraph (C).

1 (b) 5-GRAM PENALTY.—Section 1010(b)(2) of the
2 Controlled Substances Import and Export Act (21 U.S.C.
3 960(b)(2)) is amended—

4 (1) in subparagraph (B), by striking “500
5 grams” and inserting “5 grams”; and

6 (2) by striking out subparagraph (C).

7 **SEC. 5. DEA REPORT.**

8 The Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Admin-
9 istration shall submit to Congress an annual report on the
10 number of Federal arrests for crack cocaine and powder
11 cocaine offenses, according to the age, gender, and race
12 of the persons arrested, and including the amounts of con-
13 trolled substance involved in the offense for which each
14 arrest is made.

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