

105TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 428

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 9, 1997

Mr. PICKETT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## 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 “Innocent Owners’ For-  
5       feiture Protection Act of 1997”.

6       **SEC. 2. PROTECTION OF PROPERTY INTERESTS OF INNO-**  
7                       **CENT OWNERS IN FORFEITURE PROCEED-**  
8                       **INGS.**

9       Unless the law specifically so provides, and by ref-  
10      erence to this section overrides the rule of this section,

1 no law of the United States shall be interpreted to permit  
2 or require the forfeiture of the property interest of an in-  
3 nocent owner by reason of the criminal conduct of another.

