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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 6, 1997

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

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## A BILL

To prohibit the distribution or receipt of restricted explosives without a Federal permit, and to require applications for such permits to include a photograph and the fingerprints of the applicant.

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 “Restricted Explosives  
5       Control Act of 1997”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION AGAINST THE DISTRIBUTION OR RE-**  
2 **CEIPT OF RESTRICTED EXPLOSIVES WITH-**  
3 **OUT A FEDERAL PERMIT.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 842 of title 18, United  
5 States Code, is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a)(3)—

7 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

8 (i) by inserting “that are not re-  
9 stricted explosives” after “explosive mate-  
10 rials” the 2nd place such term appears;  
11 and

12 (ii) by striking “or” after the semi-  
13 colon;

14 (B) by redesignating subparagraph (B) as  
15 subparagraph (C) and inserting after subpara-  
16 graph (A) the following:

17 “(B) to distribute restricted explosives to  
18 any person other than a licensee or permittee;  
19 or”; and

20 (C) in subparagraph (C) (as so redesign-  
21 ated), by inserting “that are not restricted ex-  
22 plosives” after “explosive materials”; and

23 (2) in subsection (b)(3), by inserting “if the ex-  
24 plosive materials are not restricted explosives,” be-  
25 fore “a resident”.

1 (b) RESTRICTED EXPLOSIVES DEFINED.—Section  
2 841 of such title is amended by adding at the end the  
3 following:

4 “(r) ‘Restricted explosives’ means high explosives,  
5 blasting agents, detonators, and more than 50 pounds of  
6 black powder.”.

7 **SEC. 3. REQUIREMENT THAT APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL**  
8 **EXPLOSIVES LICENSE OR PERMIT INCLUDE A**  
9 **PHOTOGRAPH AND SET OF FINGERPRINTS**  
10 **OF THE APPLICANT.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 843(a) of title 18, United  
12 States Code, is amended in the 1st sentence by inserting  
13 “shall include the applicant’s photograph and set of fin-  
14 gerprints, which shall be taken and transmitted to the Sec-  
15 retary by the chief law enforcement officer of the appli-  
16 cant’s place of residence, and” before “shall be”.

17 (b) CHIEF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER DE-  
18 FINED.—Section 841 of such title, as amended by section  
19 2(b) of this Act, is amended by adding at the end the  
20 following:

21 “(s) ‘Chief law enforcement officer’ means the chief  
22 of police, the sheriff, or an equivalent officer or the des-  
23 ignee of any such individual.”.

1 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2       The amendments made by this Act shall apply to con-  
3 duct engaged in after the 180-day period that begins with  
4 the date of the enactment of this Act.

