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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Drug Dealer Liability
3 Act of 2000”.

4 **SEC. 2. FEDERAL CAUSE OF ACTION FOR DRUG DEALER LI-**
5 **ABILITY.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Part E of the Controlled Sub-
7 stances Act is amended by adding at the end the following:

8 **“SEC. 521. FEDERAL CAUSE OF ACTION FOR DRUG DEALER**
9 **LIABILITY.**

10 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection
11 (b), any person who manufactures or distributes a con-
12 trolled substance in a felony violation of this title or title
13 III shall be liable in a civil action to any party harmed,
14 directly or indirectly, by the use of that controlled sub-
15 stance.

16 “(b) EXCEPTION.—An individual user of a controlled
17 substance may not bring or maintain an action under this
18 section unless the individual personally discloses to nar-
19 cotics enforcement authorities all of the information
20 known to the individual regarding all that individual’s
21 sources of illegal controlled substances.”.

22 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
23 for the Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Con-

- 1 trol Act of 1970 is amended by inserting after the time
- 2 relating to section 520 the following new item:

“Sec. 521. Federal cause of action for drug dealer liability.”.

Passed the House of Representatives October 10,
2000.

Attest:

Clerk.