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# S. 1359

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 13 (legislative day, JULY 12), 1999

Mr. HOLLINGS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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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 “Postal Hazardous Ma-  
5 terials Safety Enhancement Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. APPLICATION OF HAZMAT REQUIREMENTS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5102(9)(B) of title 49,  
8 United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

1                   “(B) for purposes of sections 5123 and  
2                   5124 of this title, does not include a depart-  
3                   ment, agency, or instrumentality of the Govern-  
4                   ment.”.

5           (b) COORDINATION.—In carrying out the provisions  
6 of chapter 51 of title 49, United States Code, the Sec-  
7 retary of Transportation shall consult with the Postmaster  
8 General in order to coordinate, to the greatest extent fea-  
9 sible, the enforcement of that chapter.

10 **SEC. 3. TRANSPORTATION OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS VIA**  
11 **THE UNITED STATES MAIL.**

12           (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5102 of title 49, United  
13 States Code, is amended by—

14                   (1) redesignating paragraph (13) as paragraph  
15                   (14); and

16                   (2) inserting after paragraph (12) the following:

17                   “(13) ‘transportation of hazardous material in  
18                   commerce’ and ‘transporting hazardous material in  
19                   commerce’ include the transportation of hazardous  
20                   material in the United States mail.”.

21           (b) REPEAL OF EXCEPTION.—Section 5126(b) of  
22 such title is amended to read as follows:

1       “(b) NONAPPLICATION.—This chapter does not apply  
2 to a pipeline subject to regulation under chapter 601 of  
3 this title.”.

