

109TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4225

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. DELAURO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on House Administration

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 "Victims of Violence
5 Confidentiality Act of 2005".

1 **SEC. 2. CONFIDENTIALITY OF ADDRESSES OF VICTIMS OF**
2 **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WITHIN COMPUTER-**
3 **IZED STATEWIDE VOTER REGISTRATION**
4 **LIST.**

5 (a) CONFIDENTIALITY OF ADDRESSES REQUIRED.—
6 Section 303(a) of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (42
7 U.S.C. 15483(a)) is amended by adding at the end the
8 following new paragraph:

9 “(6) CONFIDENTIALITY OF ADDRESSES OF VIC-
10 TIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In administering the
12 computerized Statewide voter registration list,
13 the State shall ensure that the address of any
14 individual who is registered to vote in the State
15 and who provides the appropriate election offi-
16 cial with the documentation described in sub-
17 paragraph (B), as well as the address of any
18 other individual who resides at that address,
19 does not appear within the database and is not
20 otherwise accessible to any person who is not an
21 election official.

22 “(B) DOCUMENTATION.—The documenta-
23 tion described in this subparagraph is—

24 “(i) a copy of an order of protection
25 issued by a judicial authority to protect the

1 individual from domestic violence, sexual
2 abuse, or stalking; or

3 “(ii) an affidavit stating that the indi-
4 vidual is a victim of domestic violence, sex-
5 ual abuse, or stalking.

6 “(C) INFORMATION.—The State shall take
7 such steps as may be required to ensure that
8 individuals registered to vote in the State and
9 individuals applying to register to vote in the
10 State, as well as all election officials in the
11 State, are aware of the requirements of this
12 paragraph.”.

13 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Section 303(d)(1) of such
14 Act (42 U.S.C. 15483(d)(1)) is amended—

15 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “subpara-
16 graph (B)” and inserting “subparagraphs (B) and
17 (C)”;

18 (2) by redesignating subparagraph (B) as sub-
19 paragraph (C); and

20 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (A) the fol-
21 lowing new subparagraph:

22 “(B) SPECIAL RULE FOR CONFIDEN-
23 TIALITY REQUIREMENTS.—Each State and ju-
24 risdiction shall be required to comply with the

1 requirements of subsection (a)(6) on and after
2 January 1, 2006.”.

3 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

4 Section 257(a) of the Help America Vote Act of 2002
5 (42 U.S.C. 15407(a)) is amended by adding at the end
6 the following new paragraph:

7 “(4) For fiscal year 2006, such sums as may be
8 necessary for States to meet the requirements of sec-
9 tion 303(a)(6), except that the amounts made avail-
10 able pursuant to the authorization under this para-
11 graph may be used only to meet such require-
12 ments.”.

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