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To better manage the national instant criminal background check system
and terrorism matches.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. CLINTON,
Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. REED, and Mr. KENNEDY) intro-
duced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Com-
mittee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To better manage the national instant criminal background
check system and terrorism matches.

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 “Terrorist Apprehension
5 and Record Retention Act of 2005” or the “TARR Act
6 of 2005”.

1 **SEC. 2. IDENTIFICATION OF TERRORISTS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 922(t) of title 18, United
3 States Code, is amended by inserting after paragraph (6)
4 the following:

5 “(7) If the national criminal background check
6 system indicates that a person attempting to pur-
7 chase a firearm or applying for a State permit to
8 possess, acquire, or carry a firearm is identified as
9 a known or suspected member of a terrorist organi-
10 zation in records maintained by the Department of
11 Justice or the Department of Homeland Security,
12 including the Violent Gang and Terrorist Organiza-
13 tion File, or records maintained by the Intelligence
14 Community, including records maintained under sec-
15 tion 343 of the Intelligence Authorization Act for
16 Fiscal Year 2003 (50 U.S.C. 404n-2)—

17 “(A) all information related to the prospec-
18 tive transaction shall automatically and imme-
19 diately be transmitted to the appropriate Fed-
20 eral and State counterterrorism officials, includ-
21 ing the Federal Bureau of Investigation;

22 “(B) the Federal Bureau of Investigation
23 shall coordinate the response to such an event;
24 and

25 “(C) all records generated in the course of
26 the check of the national criminal background

1 check system, including the ATF Form 4473,
2 that are obtained by Federal and State officials
3 shall be retained for a minimum of 10 years.”.

4 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

5 (1) TITLE 18.—Section 922(t)(2)(C) of title 18,
6 United States Code, is amended by inserting after
7 “transfer” the following: “, except as provided in
8 paragraph (7)”.

9 (2) OTHER LAW.—Section 617(a)(2) of the De-
10 partments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Ju-
11 diciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act,
12 2004 (118 Stat. 95) is amended by inserting after
13 “or State Law” the following: “, except for informa-
14 tion required to be maintained by section 922(t)(7)
15 of title 18, United States Code”.

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