

(b) ADDITIONAL PENALTIES RELATING TO FLUNITRAZEPAM.—

(1) GENERAL PENALTIES.—Section 401 of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 841) is amended—

(A) in subsection (b)(1)(C), by inserting “, or 1 gram of flunitrazepam,” after “I or II”; and

(B) in subsection (b)(1)(D), by inserting “or 30 milligrams of flunitrazepam,” after “schedule III.”.

(2) IMPORT AND EXPORT PENALTIES.—

(A) Section 1009(a) of the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act (21 U.S.C. 959(a)) is amended by inserting “or flunitrazepam” after “I or II”.

(B) Section 1010(b)(3) of the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act (21 U.S.C. 960(b)) is amended by inserting “or flunitrazepam,” after “I or II.”.

(C) Section 1010(b)(4) of the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act is amended by inserting “(except a violation involving flunitrazepam)” after “III, IV, or V.”.

(3) SENTENCING GUIDELINES.—

(A) AMENDMENT OF SENTENCING GUIDELINES.—Pursuant to its authority under section 994 of title 28, United States Code, the United States Sentencing Commission shall review and amend as appropriate the sentencing guidelines for offenses involving flunitrazepam.

(B) SUMMARY.—The United States Sentencing Commission shall submit to the Congress—

(i) a summary of its review under subparagraph (A); and

(ii) an explanation for any amendment to the sentencing guidelines made under subparagraph (A).

(C) SERIOUS NATURE OF OFFENSES.—In carrying out this paragraph, the United States Sentencing Commission shall ensure that the sentencing guidelines for offenses involving flunitrazepam reflect the serious nature of such offenses.

(c) INCREASED PENALTIES FOR UNLAWFUL SIMPLE POSSESSION OF FLUNITRAZEPAM.—Section 404(a) of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 844(a)) is amended by inserting after “exceeds 1 gram.” the following: “Notwithstanding any penalty provided in this subsection, any person convicted under this subsection for the possession of flunitrazepam shall be imprisoned for not more than 3 years, shall be fined as otherwise provided in this section, or both”.

SEC. 3. STUDY ON RESCHEDULING FLUNITRAZEPAM.

(a) STUDY.—The Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration shall, in consultation with other Federal and State agencies, as appropriate, conduct a study on the appropriateness and desirability of rescheduling flunitrazepam as a Schedule I controlled substance under the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 801 et seq.).

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall submit to the Committees on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives and the Senate the results of the study conducted under subsection (a), together with any recommendations regarding rescheduling of flunitrazepam as a Schedule I controlled substance under the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 801 et seq.).

SEC. 4. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM FOR POLICE DEPARTMENTS.

The Attorney General may—

(1) create educational materials regarding the use of controlled substances (as that term is defined in section 102 of the Controlled Substances Act) in the furtherance of rapes and sexual assaults; and

(2) disseminate those materials to police departments throughout the United States.

THE FEDERAL COURTS IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1996

HATCH AMENDMENT NO. 5430

Mr. LOTT (for Mr. HATCH) proposed an amendment to the bill (S. 1887) to make improvements in the operation and administration of the Federal courts, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 4, line 15, strike through line 25.

On page 5, line 8, strike through line 14 on page 6 and insert the following:

SEC. 202. CONSENT TO TRAIL IN CERTAIN CRIMINAL ACTIONS.

(a) AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 18.—(1) Section 3401(b) of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(A) in the first sentence by inserting “, other than a petty offense that is a class B misdemeanor charging a motor vehicle offense, a class C misdemeanor, or an infraction,” after “misdemeanor”; and

(B) in the second sentence by inserting “judge” after “magistrate” each place it appears;

(C) by striking out the third sentence and inserting in lieu thereof the following: “The magistrate judge may not proceed to try the case unless the defendant, after such explanation, expressly consents to be tried before the magistrate judge and expressly and specifically waives trial, judgment, and sentencing by a district judge. Any such consent and waiver shall be made in writing or orally on the record.”; and

(D) by striking out “judge of the district court” each place it appears and inserting in lieu thereof “district judge”.

(2) Section 3401(g) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in lieu thereof the following: “the magistrate judge may, in a petty offense case involving a juvenile, that is a class C misdemeanor, or an infraction, exercise all powers granted to the district court under chapter 403 of this title. The magistrate judge may, in any other class B or C misdemeanor case involving a juvenile in which consent to trail before a magistrate judge has been filed under subsection (b), exercise all powers granted to the district court under chapter 403 of this title.”.

(b) AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 28.—Section 636(a) of title 28, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking out “, lieu thereof a semi-colon; and

(2) by striking out paragraph (4) and inserting the following:

“(4) the power to enter a sentence for a petty offense that is a class B misdemeanor charging a motor vehicle offense, a class C misdemeanor, or an infraction; and

“(5) the power to enter a sentence for a class A misdemeanor, or a class B or C misdemeanor not covered by paragraph (4), in a case in which the parties have consented.”.

On page 6, line 15, strike through the matter following line 2 on page 7.

On page 9, line 6, strike through line 2 on page 11.

On page 13, line 4, strike through line 7 on page 15.

On page 17, line 1, strike through line 3 on page 19.

On page 19, line 22, strike through line 9 on page 23.

On page 31, line 8, strike through line 2 on page 32.

On page 35, line 21, strike through line 2 on page 36.

On page 44, line 20, strike through line 21 on page 48.

On page 48, add after line 21 the following:

SEC. 611. PLACE OF HOLDING COURT IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK.

The last sentence of section 112(b) of title 28, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“Court for the Southern District shall be held at New York, White Plains, and in the Middletown-Walkkill area of Orange County or such nearby location as may be deemed appropriate.”.

SEC. 612. VENUE FOR TERRITORIAL COURTS.

(a) CHANGE OF VENUE.—Section 1404(d) of title 28, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“(d) As used in this section, the term ‘district court’ includes the District Court of Guam, the District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands, and the District Court of the Virgin Islands, and the term ‘district’ includes the territorial jurisdiction of each such court.”.

(b) CURE OF WAIVER OF DEFECTS.—Section 1406(c) of title 28, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“(c) As used in this section, the term ‘district court’ includes the District Court of Guam, the District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands, and the District Court of the Virgin Islands, and the term ‘district’ includes the territorial jurisdiction of each such court.”.

(c) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by this section apply to cases pending on the date of the enactment of this Act and to cases commenced on or after such date.

Amend the table of contents accordingly.

LEGISLATION TO ENHANCE FAIRNESS OF PATENTS

HATCH AMENDMENT NO. 5431

Mr. LOTT (for Mr. HATCH) proposed an amendment to the bill (H.R. 632) to enhance fairness in compensating owners of patents used by the United States; as follows:

On page 2, line 8, strike all after the period through “Act.” on line 13 and insert “Notwithstanding the preceding sentences, unless the action has been pending for more than 10 years from the time of filing to the time that the owner applies for such costs and fees, reasonable and entire compensation shall not include such costs and fees if the court finds that the position of the United States was substantially justified or that special circumstances make an award unjust.”.

On page 2, line 17, strike “January 1, 1995” and insert “the date of the enactment of this Act”.

HATCH (AND KENNEDY) AMENDMENT NO. 5432

Mr. LOTT (for Mr. HATCH for himself and Mr. KENNEDY) proposed an amendment to the bill (S. 2197) to extend the authorized period of stay within the United States for certain nurses; as follows:

Add at the end of the bill the following:

SEC. 2. TECHNICAL CORRECTION.

Effective on September 30, 1996, subtitle A of title III of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 is amended—

(1) in section 306(c)(1), by striking “to all final” and all that follows through “Act and” and inserting “as provided under section 309, except that”; and

(2) in section 309(c)(1), by striking “as of” and inserting “before”; and

(3) in section 309(c)(4), by striking "described in paragraph (1)".

THE INCREASED MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCES ACT OF 1996

DEWINE (AND HELMS)
AMENDMENT NO. 5433

Mr. LOTT (for Mr. DEWINE for himself and Mr. HELMS) proposed an amendment to the bill (S. 1612) to provide for increased mandatory minimum sentences for criminals possessing firearms, and for other purposes; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. FIREARMS OFFENSES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Sections 924(c)(1) and 929(a)(1) of title 18, United States code, are each amended by striking "uses or carries" and inserting "possesses".

(b) AMENDMENT OF SENTENCING GUIDELINES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Pursuant to its authority under section 994 of title 28, United States Code, the United States Sentencing Commission shall review and, if appropriate, amend the Federal Sentencing Guidelines and the policy statements of the Commission to provide an appropriate sentence enhancement with respect to any defendant who discharges a firearm during or in relation to any crime of violence or any drug trafficking crime.

(2) CONSISTENCY.—In carrying out this subsection, the United States Commission shall—

(A) ensure that there is reasonable consistency with other Federal Sentencing Guidelines;

(B) avoid duplicative punishment for substantially the same offense; and

(C) take into account any mitigating circumstances that might justify an exception to any amendment made under paragraph (1).

(3) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this subsection, the terms "crime of violence" and "drug trafficking crime" have the same meanings as in section 924(c) of title 18, United States Code.

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill to broaden the scope of certain firearms offenses, and for other purposes."

PRESIDENTIAL AND EXECUTIVE OFFICE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

COATS AMENDMENT NO. 5434

Mr. LOTT (for Mr. COATS) proposed an amendment to the bill (H.R. 3452) to make certain laws applicable to the Executive Office of the President, and for other purposes, as follows:

In section 1(b), strike the items relating to sections 4 through 9, and insert the following:

Sec. 4. Applicability of future employment laws.

Sec. 5. Repeal of section 303 of the Government Employee Rights Act of 1991.

In the table of contents relating to title 3, United States Code (as added by section 2), redesignate the item relating to section 420 as an item relating to section 421.

In the table of contents relating to title 3, United States Code (as added by section 2),

redesignate the item relating to section 430 as an item relating to section 431.

In the table of contents relating to title 3, United States Code (as added by section 2), in the item relating to subchapter III, strike the hyphen and insert a space.

In the table of contents relating to title 3, United States Code (as added by section 2), strike the item relating to section 457.

In the table of contents for title 3, United States Code (as amended by section 2), strike the items relating to subchapters IV and V and insert the following:

"SUBCHAPTER IV—EFFECTIVE DATE

"471. Effective date."

In section 401 of title 3, United States Code (as added by section 2), insert before "Except" the following:

"(a) IN GENERAL.—"

In section 401 of title 3, United States Code (as added by section 2), add at the end the following:

"(b) DEFINITIONS RELATING TO CERTAIN MATTERS.—For purposes of applying this chapter with respect to any practice or other matter—

"(1) to which section 411 relates, the terms 'employing office' and 'covered employee' shall each be considered to have the meaning given to the term by such section;

"(2) to which section 412 relates, the term 'covered employee' means a covered employee described in section 412(a)(2)(B);

"(3) to which section 413 relates, the term 'covered employee' excludes interns and volunteers, as described in section 413(a)(2); and

"(4) to which section 416 relates, the term 'covered employee' means a covered employee described in section 416(a)(2)."

In section 411 of title 3, United States Code (as added by section 2), redesignate subsection (d) as subsection (e).

In section 411 of title 3, United States Code (as added by section 2 and so redesignated) insert after subsection (c) the following:

"(d) REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT SECTION.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The President, or the designee of the President, shall issue regulations to implement paragraphs (1) and (3) of subsection (a) and paragraphs (1) and (3) of subsection (b).

"(2) AGENCY REGULATIONS.—The regulations issued under paragraph (1) shall be the same as substantive regulations promulgated by the appropriate officer of an executive agency to implement the statutory provisions referred to in paragraphs (1) and (3) of subsection (a) and paragraphs (1) and (3) of subsection (b)—

"(A) except to the extent that the President or designee may determine, for good cause shown and stated together with the regulation, that a modification of such regulations would be more effective for the implementation of the rights and protections under this section; and

"(B) except that the President or designee may, at the discretion of the President or designee, issue regulations to implement a provision of section 717 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 or section 501 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 that applies to employees in the executive branch of the Federal Government in lieu of an analogous statutory provision referred to in paragraph (1) or (3) of subsection (a) or paragraph (1) or (3) of subsection (b), if the issuance of such regulations—

"(i) would be equally effective for the implementation of the rights and protections under this section; and

"(ii) would promote uniformity in the application of Federal law to employees in the executive branch of the Federal Government."

In section 411 of title 3, United States Code (as added by section 2 and so redesignated), add at the end the following:

"(f) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect on October 1, 1997."

In section 412(b) of title 3, United States Code (as added by section 2), strike "such damages" and insert "such remedy".

In section 412 of title 3, United States Code (as added by section 2), add at the end the following:

"(c) REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT SECTION.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The President, or the designee of the President, shall issue regulations to implement this section.

"(2) AGENCY REGULATIONS.—The regulations issued under paragraph (1) shall be the same as substantive regulations promulgated by the Secretary of Labor to implement the statutory provisions referred to in subsections (a) and (b)—

"(A) except to the extent that the President or designee may determine, for good cause shown and stated together with the regulation, that a modification of such regulations would be more effective for the implementation of the rights and protections under this section; and

"(B) except that the President or designee may, at the discretion of the President or designee, issue regulations to implement a provision of subchapter V of chapter 63 of title 5, United States Code, that applies to employees in the executive branch of the Federal Government in lieu of an analogous statutory provision referred to in subsection (a) or (b), if the issuance of such regulations—

"(i) would be equally effective for the implementation of the rights and protections under this section; and

"(ii) would promote uniformity in the application of Federal law to employees in the executive branch of the Federal Government.

"(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsections (a) and (b) shall take effect on the earlier of—

"(1) the effective date of regulations issued under subsection (c); or

"(2) October 1, 1998."

In section 413(c)(1) of title 3, United States Code (as added by section 2), strike "President" and insert "President, or the designee of the President."

In section 413(c)(2) of title 3, United States Code (as added by section 2), strike "subsection (a) except insofar as the President" and insert "subsections (a) and (b) except to the extent that the President or designee".

In section 413(c)(3) of title 3, United States Code (as added by section 2), strike "President" and insert "President or designee".

In section 413 of title 3, United States Code (as added by section 2), add at the end the following:

"(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsections (a) and (b) shall take effect on the earlier of—

"(1) the effective date of regulations issued under subsection (c); or

"(2) October 1, 1998."

In section 414(c)(1) of title 3, United States Code (as added by section 2), strike "President" and insert "President, or the designee of the President."

In section 414(c)(2) of title 3, United States Code (as added by section 2), strike "insofar as the President" and insert "to the extent that the President or designee".

In section 414 of title 3, United States Code (as added by section 2), add at the end the following:

"(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsections (a) and (b) shall take effect on the earlier of—

"(1) the effective date of regulations issued under subsection (c); or

"(2) October 1, 1998."

In section 415(a)(2)(A) of title 3, United States Code (as added by section 2), strike "does not succeed himself" and insert "is not elected to a successive term".