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# H. R. 1584

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 9, 1995

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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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. LEGAL CITATION REQUIREMENTS.**

4 No State or Federal court, agency, or department,  
5 or other authority of a State or the Federal Government  
6 may require that, in documents submitted to such court,  
7 agency, department, or authority, a system of citation to  
8 State or Federal laws, regulations, judicial opinions, or ad-

1 ministrative decisions be used in which copyright subsists,  
2 unless another system of citation to such laws, regulations,  
3 opinions, or decisions may also be used in which copyright  
4 does not subsist.

5 **SEC. 2. DEFINITION.**

6 As used in this Act, the term “State” means each  
7 of the several States, the District of Columbia, and any  
8 commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United  
9 States.

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