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To establish a grant program to install safety devices and improve safety
at convenience stores.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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 “Mom and Pop Protec-
5 tion Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROGRAM AUTHORITY.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General may pro-
8 vide grants to States to establish a loan program for con-
9 venience store owners to install security devices and im-
10 prove safety in convenience stores.

1 (b) PAYMENT AND INTEREST RATE.—The State
2 shall determine a repayment schedule of not more than
3 5 years and an interest rate not to exceed 3 percent for
4 convenience store owners to cover administrative expenses
5 for the State.

6 **SEC. 3. STATE APPLICATION.**

7 To receive a grant under this Act, the chief executive
8 officer of a State shall submit an application, at such time,
9 in such manner and form as the Attorney General may
10 prescribe that includes an assurance from the chief execu-
11 tive officer that the State shall develop a process of certifi-
12 cation and review to ensure that funds received under this
13 Act are used only for the purpose of installing safety de-
14 vices in convenience stores.

15 **SEC. 4. ELIGIBILITY FOR LOANS.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible to receive a loan
17 from a State, a convenience store owner shall submit an
18 application to the State which includes—

19 (1) an assurance that security devices pur-
20 chased from funds received under this Act shall be
21 used to install security devices not later than 30
22 days after receipt of such funds;

23 (2) if practicable, an assurance that each such
24 store owner will maintain an unobstructed view of

1 the cash register from the exterior of the store, re-
2 moving any material that obstructs such view; and

3 (3) an assurance from each owner that such
4 owner will repay a loan from the State in not less
5 than 5 years.

6 (b) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a loan
7 from a State, a convenience store shall meet the following
8 qualifications:

9 (1) The owner may not own more than 5 con-
10 venience stores.

11 (2) The gross receipts of any store may not ex-
12 ceed \$700,000 for the preceding fiscal year, exclud-
13 ing proceeds from the sale of gasoline.

14 (c) STATE MINIMUM.—A State that receives a grant
15 under this Act shall receive not less than \$200,000.

16 **SEC. 5. USES OF FUNDS.**

17 A loan received under this Act shall be used to install
18 the following:

19 (1) A video security system capable of 24-hour
20 surveillance.

21 (2) A drop safe or cash management device
22 with restricted access and posters that indicate not
23 more than \$50 is accessible to store personnel.

24 (3) A silent alarm system to alert local law en-
25 forcement officers of a problem.

1 (4) Height markers at store exits.

2 **SEC. 6. DETERMINATION TO TERMINATE PROGRAM.**

3 (a) TERMINATION.—The Attorney General shall, by
4 notice in the Federal Register, terminate the State loan
5 program once the Attorney General determines that a suf-
6 ficient number of eligible convenience stores has had the
7 opportunity to apply for a loan from a State.

8 (b) NOTICE.—Not later than 60 days after publica-
9 tion of such termination is published in the Federal Reg-
10 ister, the State shall provide notice to convenience store
11 owners regarding such termination.

12 (c) REMAINING FUNDS.—Any funds, excluding the
13 amount of interest collected, that a State receives as re-
14 payment from a convenience store owner after the date
15 that the Attorney General terminates the State loan pro-
16 gram shall be used by such State for law enforcement pur-
17 poses.

18 **SEC. 7. DEFINITION.**

19 For purposes of this Act the term “convenience
20 store” includes a retail store that may sell fast foods, bev-
21 erages, dairy products, publications, grocery items,
22 snacks, some non food items, and gasoline.

23 **SEC. 8. REPORT.**

24 The chief executive officer of a State that receives
25 a grant under this Act shall submit an annual report to

1 the Attorney General regarding the number of loans, loca-
2 tions, amounts, terms, and repayment record of conven-
3 ience stores in such State that receive funds under this
4 Act.

5 **SEC. 9. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATION.**

6 There are authorized to be appropriated for fiscal
7 year 1997 \$50,000,000 to carry out this Act.

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