

104TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1332

AN ACT

To clarify the application of certain Federal criminal laws to territories, possessions, and commonwealths, and for other purposes.

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 “Possessions and Terri-
5 tories Criminal Law Clarification Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. APPLICATION OF VARIOUS OFFENSES TO POSSES-**
2 **SIONS AND TERRITORIES.**

3 (a) Sections 241 and 242 of title 18, United States
4 Code, are each amended by striking “any State, Territory,
5 or District” and inserting “any State, Territory, Common-
6 wealth, Possession, or District”.

7 (b) Sections 793(h)(1) and 794(d)(1) of title 18,
8 United States Code, are each amended by adding at the
9 end the following: “For the purposes of this subsection,
10 the term ‘State’ includes a State of the United States, the
11 District of Columbia, and any commonwealth, territory,
12 or possession of the United States.”.

13 (c) Section 925(a)(5) of title 18, United States Code,
14 is amended by striking “For the purpose of paragraphs
15 (3) and (4)” and inserting “For the purpose of paragraph
16 (3)”.

17 (d) Sections 1014 and 2113(g) of title 18, United
18 States Code, are each amended by adding at the end the
19 following: “The term ‘State-chartered credit union’ in-
20 cludes a credit union chartered under the laws of a State
21 of the United States, the District of Columbia, or any
22 commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United
23 States.”.

24 (e) Section 1073 of title 18, United States Code, is
25 amended by adding at the end of the first paragraph the
26 following: “For the purposes of clause (3) of this para-

1 graph, the term ‘State’ includes a State of the United
2 States, the District of Columbia, and any commonwealth,
3 territory, or possession of the United States.”.

4 (f) Section 1715 of title 18, United States Code, is
5 amended by striking “State, Territory, or District” each
6 place those words appear and inserting “State, Territory,
7 Commonwealth, Possession, or District”.

8 (g) Section 1716 of title 18, United States Code, is
9 amended—

10 (1) in subsection (g)(2) by striking “State, Ter-
11 ritory, or the District of Columbia” and inserting
12 “State”;

13 (2) in subsection (g)(3) by striking “the munici-
14 pal government of the District of Columbia or of the
15 government of any State or territory, or any county,
16 city, or other political subdivision of a State” and in-
17 serting “any State, or any political subdivision of a
18 State”; and

19 (3) by adding at the end the following:

20 “(j) For purposes of this section, the term ‘State’ in-
21 cludes a State of the United States, the District of Colum-
22 bia, and any commonwealth, territory, or possession of the
23 United States.”.

1 (h) Section 1761 of title 18, United States Code, is
2 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
3 section:

4 “(d) For the purposes of this section, the term ‘State’
5 means a State of the United States and any common-
6 wealth, territory, or possession of the United States.”.

7 (i) Section 3156(a) of title 18, United States Code,
8 is amended—

9 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph
10 (3);

11 (2) by striking the period and inserting “; and”
12 at the end of paragraph (4); and

13 (3) by adding at the end the following new
14 paragraph:

15 “(5) the term ‘State’ includes a State of the
16 United States, the District of Columbia, and any
17 commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United
18 States.”.

19 (j) Section 102 of the Controlled Substances Act (21
20 U.S.C. 802) is amended—

21 (1) by amending paragraph (26) to read as fol-
22 lows:

23 “(26) The term ‘State’ means a State of the
24 United States, the District of Columbia, and any

1 commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United
2 States.”; and

3 (2) by redesignating paragraph (43), as added
4 by section 90105(d) of the Violent Crime Control
5 and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, as paragraph
6 (44).

7 (k) Section 1121 of title 18, United States Code, is
8 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
9 section:

10 “(c) For the purposes of this section, the term ‘State’
11 means a State of the United States, the District of Colum-
12 bia, and any commonwealth, territory, or possession of the
13 United States.”.

14 (l) Section 228(d)(2) of title 18, United States Code,
15 is amended by inserting “commonwealth,” before “posses-
16 sion or territory of the United States”.

17 (m) Section 1546(c) of title 18, United States Code,
18 is amended by adding at the end the following: “For pur-
19 poses of this section, the term ‘State’ means a State of
20 the United States, the District of Columbia, and any com-
21 monwealth, territory, or possession of the United States.”.

22 (n) Section 1541 of title 18, United States Code, is
23 amended—

24 (1) in the first undesignated paragraph, by
25 striking “or possession”; and

1 (2) by adding at the end the following new
2 paragraph:

3 “For purposes of this section, the term ‘State’ means
4 a State of the United States, the District of Columbia,
5 and any commonwealth, territory, or possession of the
6 United States.”.

7 (o) Section 37(c) of title 18, United States Code, is
8 amended in the final sentence by inserting before the pe-
9 riod the following: “, and the term ‘State’ means a State
10 of the United States, the District of Columbia, and any
11 commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United
12 States”.

13 (p) Section 2281(c) of title 18, United States Code,
14 is amended in the final sentence by inserting before the
15 period the following: “, and the term ‘State’ means a State
16 of the United States, the District of Columbia, and any
17 commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United
18 States”.

19 (q) Section 521(a) of title 18, United States Code,
20 is amended by adding at the end the following: “‘State’
21 means a State of the United States, the District of Colum-
22 bia, and any commonwealth, territory, or possession of the
23 United States.”.

1 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2 This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall
3 apply to offenses committed on or after the date of enact-
4 ment of this Act.

Passed the Senate December 14, 1995.

Attest:

Secretary.

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