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# S. 1332

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

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. HATCH introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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”.

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

8 (a) Sections 241 and 242 of title 18, United States  
9 Code, are each amended by striking “any State, Territory,

1 or District” and inserting “any State, Territory, Common-  
2 wealth, Possession, or District”.

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

9 (c) Section 925(a)(5) of title 18, United States Code,  
10 is amended by striking “For the purpose of paragraphs  
11 (3) and (4)” and inserting “For the purpose of paragraph  
12 (3)”.

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

20 (e) Section 1073 of title 18, United States Code, is  
21 amended by adding at the end of the first paragraph the  
22 following: “For the purposes of clause (3) of this para-  
23 graph, the term ‘State’ includes a State of the United  
24 States, the District of Columbia, and any commonwealth,  
25 territory, or possession of the United States.”.

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

5 (g) Section 1716 of title 18, United States Code, is  
6 amended—

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6           (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph  
7       (3);

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

10          (3) by adding at the end the following new  
11       paragraph:

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

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

18           (1) by amending paragraph (26) to read as fol-  
19       lows:

20           “(26) The term ‘State’ means a State of the  
21       United States, the District of Columbia, and any  
22       commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United  
23       States.”; and

24           (2) by redesignating paragraph (43), as added  
25       by section 90105(d) of the Violent Crime Control

1 and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, as paragraph  
2 (44).

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

6 “(c) For the purposes of this section, the term ‘State’  
7 means a State of the United States, the District of Colum-  
8 bia, and any commonwealth, territory, or possession of the  
9 United States.”.

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

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

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

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

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

24 “For purposes of this section, the term ‘State’ means  
25 a State of the United States, the District of Columbia,

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

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

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

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

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