

105TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 428

To provide that the property of innocent owners is not subject to forfeiture under the laws of the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 9, 1997

Mr. PICKETT 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 “Innocent Owners’ For-
5 feiture Protection Act of 1997”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROTECTION OF PROPERTY INTERESTS OF INNO-**
7 **CENT OWNERS IN FORFEITURE PROCEED-**
8 **INGS.**

9 Unless the law specifically so provides, and by ref-
10 erence to this section overrides the rule of this section,

1 no law of the United States shall be interpreted to permit
2 or require the forfeiture of the property interest of an in-
3 nocent owner by reason of the criminal conduct of another.

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