

106TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 4188

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 5, 2000

Mr. COLLINS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Government Reform

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 “Common Sense Census
5 Enforcement Act of 2000”.

1 **SEC. 2. INAPPLICABILITY OF PENALTY PROVISION.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 225 of title 13, United
3 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
4 lowing:

5 “(e)(1) The penalty under section 221(a) shall not
6 apply, for refusing or neglecting to answer one or more
7 of the questions on a decennial census schedule, so long
8 as all of the short-form questions on such schedule have
9 been answered by the individual involved.

10 “(2) For purposes of this subsection—

11 “(A) the term ‘decennial census schedule’
12 means a schedule used in connection with a decen-
13 nial census of population under section 141; and

14 “(B) the term ‘short-form question’ means a
15 question included on the short-form version of the
16 2000 decennial census schedule.”.

17 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
18 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to the 2000 decen-
19 nial census and each decennial census thereafter, including
20 schedules returned before the date of enactment of this
21 Act.

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