

## **H.R. 124**

**This bill constitutes the last stepping-stone into a totally disarmed population. This bill will trigger off house-to-house searches.**

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**Handgun Licensing and Registration Act of 2003 (Introduced in House)**

HR 124 IH

108th CONGRESS  
1st Session  
**H. R. 124**

To provide for the mandatory licensing and registration of handguns.

**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**January 7, 2003**

Mr. HOLT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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**A BILL**

To provide for the mandatory licensing and registration of handguns.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the 'Handgun Licensing and Registration Act of 2003'.

**SEC. 2. FEDERAL HANDGUN LICENSING AND REGISTRATION SYSTEM TO APPLY IN ANY STATE THAT DOES NOT HAVE A HANDGUN LICENSING AND REGISTRATION SYSTEM THAT MEETS CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS.**

(a) IN GENERAL- Chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

**'Sec. 931. Licensing and registration of handguns**

'(a)(1) The Attorney General shall establish a Federal system for the licensing and registration of all handguns owned, possessed, or controlled in the United States, which shall include a method for easily retrieving information sufficient to identify--  
'(A) each resident of a State to which this subsection applies who owns, possesses, or controls a handgun; and  
'(B) the handgun.

`(2) It shall be unlawful for a person to own, possess, or control a handgun in a State to which this subsection applies unless the person--

`(A) is licensed to do so by the system established pursuant to paragraph (1); and

`(B) has registered the handgun with a Federal, State, or local law enforcement agency.

`(b) Subsection (a) shall not apply in a State if there is in effect a certification by the Attorney General that the State has in effect a system for the licensing and registration of handguns owned, possessed, or controlled in the State that--

`(1) includes a method for easily retrieving information sufficient to identify--

`(A) each resident of the State who owns, possesses, or controls a handgun in the State; and

`(B) the handgun; and

`(2) at a minimum, imposes criminal penalties on any person who owns, possesses, or controls a handgun in the State, and who--

`(i) has not completed training in firearms safety;

`(ii) is not licensed by the State to possess a handgun; or

`(iii) has not registered the handgun with a Federal, State, or local law enforcement agency.

`(c) A certification under subsection (b) with respect to a State shall have no force or effect on or after the date the Attorney General finds, after an opportunity for a hearing on the record, that the State does not have in effect the system described in subsection (b).

`(d) The Attorney General shall prescribe such regulations as may be necessary to carry out this section.'

(b) PENALTIES- Section 924(a) of such title is amended by adding at the end the following:

`(7) Whoever knowingly violates section 931(a)(2) shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not less than 15 years, or both. The court shall not suspend a sentence of imprisonment imposed under this paragraph or impose a probationary sentence under this paragraph.'

(c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT- The table of sections for such chapter is amended by adding at the end the following:

`931. Licensing and registration of handguns.'

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE- The amendments made by this section shall apply to conduct engaged in after the 2-year period that begins with the date of the enactment of this Act.