Public Law 89-184

To amend the Federal Firearms Act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to relieve applicants from certain provisions of the Act if he determines that the granting of relief would not be contrary to the public interest, and that the applicant would not be likely to conduct his operations in an unlawful manner.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Federal Firearms Act, as amended (52 Stat. 1250; 15 U.S.C. 901 et seq.), is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section:

"Sec. 10. A person who has been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year (other than a crime involving the use of a firearm or other weapon or a violation of this Act or of the National Firearms Act) may make application to the Secretary of the Treasury for relief from the disabilities under this Act incurred by reason of such conviction, and the Secretary of the Treasury may grant such relief if it is established to his satisfaction that the circumstances regarding the conviction, and the applicant's record and reputation, are such that the applicant will not be likely to conduct his operations in an unlawful manner, and that the granting of the relief would not be contrary to the public interest. A licensee conducting operations under this Act, who makes application for relief from the disabilities incurred under this Act by reason of such a conviction, shall not be barred by such conviction from further operations under his license pending final action on an application for relief filed pursuant to this section. Whenever the Secretary of the Treasury grants relief to any person pursuant to this section, he shall promptly publish in the Federal Register notice of such action, together with the reasons therefor."

Approved September 15, 1965.