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# H. R. 3920

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 30, 1996

Mr. PETRI introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight

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## 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,*

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1 **SECTION 1. REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY TO**  
2 **SPECIFY “MULTIRACIAL” OR “MULTIETHNIC”,**  
3 **RESPECTIVELY, AS RACIAL OR ETHNIC CLAS-**  
4 **SIFICATION.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3507 of title 44, United  
6 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the follow-  
7 ing new subsection:

8 “(k) The Director may not approve a collection of in-  
9 formation that would request or direct a respondent to  
10 specify a racial classification from among a list of racial  
11 classifications, or an ethnic classification from among a  
12 list of ethnic classifications, the approval of such a collec-  
13 tion of information by the Director shall not be inferred,  
14 and an agency shall not sponsor or conduct such a collec-  
15 tion of information, unless the list provides an opportunity  
16 for the respondent to specify ‘multiracial’, in the case of  
17 a list of racial classifications, or ‘multiethnic’, in the case  
18 of a list of ethnic classifications.”.

19 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
20 subsection (a) shall take effect January 1, 1997.

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