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To revise various laws that interfere with the right of the people to obtain and use firearms for all lawful purposes.

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Mr. BISHOP of Utah (for himself, Mr. PALAZZO, Mr. BROOKS of Alabama, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, Mrs. NOEM, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. THOMAS J. ROONEY of Florida, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. JORDAN, Mr. PEARCE, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. ROTHFUS, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. COLLINS of New York, Mr. MESSER, Mr. MEADOWS, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. COLLINS of Georgia, Mr. DAVIDSON, Mr. WESTERMAN, Mr. TIPTON, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. HUDSON, Mr. STEWART, Mr. EMMER, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. ROUZER, Mrs. LOVE, Mr. RATCLIFFE, and Mr. BANKS of Indiana) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To revise various laws that interfere with the right of the people to obtain and use firearms for all lawful purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Lawful Purpose and
3 Self Defense Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF AUTHORITY TO RECLASSIFY POP-**
5 **ULAR RIFLE AMMUNITION AS “ARMOR PIERC-**
6 **ING AMMUNITION”.**

7 Section 921(a)(17) of title 18, United States Code,
8 is amended—

9 (1) in subparagraph (B)(i), by striking “may be
10 used” and inserting “is designed and intended by
11 the manufacturer or importer for use”;

12 (2) in subparagraph (B)(ii), by inserting “by
13 the manufacturer or importer” before “for use”; and

14 (3) in subparagraph (C), by striking “the At-
15 torney General finds is primarily intended to be used
16 for sporting purposes” and inserting “is primarily
17 intended by the manufacturer or importer to be used
18 in a rifle or shotgun, a handgun projectile that is de-
19 signed and intended by the manufacturer or im-
20 porter to be used for hunting, recreational, or com-
21 petitive shooting”.

1 **SEC. 3. ELIMINATION OF RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTATION**
2 **OF NON-NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT FIREARM**
3 **OR AMMUNITION THAT MAY OTHERWISE BE**
4 **LAWFULLY POSSESSED AND SOLD IN THE**
5 **UNITED STATES.**

6 (a) **ELIMINATION OF PROHIBITIONS.**—Section 922 of
7 title 18, United States Code, is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (a), by striking paragraph (7)
9 and inserting the following:

10 “(7) for any person to manufacture or import
11 armor piercing ammunition, unless the manufacture
12 or importation of the ammunition—

13 “(A) is for the use of the United States,
14 any department or agency of the United States,
15 any State, or any department, agency, or polit-
16 ical subdivision of a State;

17 “(B) is for the purpose of exportation; or

18 “(C) is for the purpose of testing or ex-
19 perimentation, and has been authorized by the
20 Attorney General;”;

21 (2) in subsection (l), by striking “925(d) of this
22 chapter” and inserting “925”; and

23 (3) by striking subsection (r).

24 (b) **BROADENING OF EXCEPTIONS.**—Section 925 of
25 such title is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a)(3), by striking “deter-
2 mined” and all that follows through the end and in-
3 serting “intended for the lawful personal use of such
4 member or club.”;

5 (2) in subsection (a)(4), by striking “(A)” and
6 all that follows through “for the” and inserting “in-
7 tended for the lawful”; and

8 (3) by striking subsections (d) through (f) and
9 inserting the following:

10 “(d)(1) Within 30 days after the Attorney General
11 receives an application therefor, the Attorney General
12 shall authorize a firearm or ammunition to be imported
13 or brought into the United States or any possession there-
14 of if—

15 “(A) the firearm or ammunition is being im-
16 ported or brought in for scientific, research, testing,
17 or experimentation purposes;

18 “(B) the firearm is an unserviceable firearm
19 (other than a machine gun as defined in section
20 5845(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 that
21 is readily restorable to firing condition) imported or
22 brought in as a curio or museum piece;

23 “(C) the firearm is not a firearm as defined in
24 section 5845(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of
25 1986;

1 “(D) the ammunition is not armor piercing am-
2 munition (as defined in section 921(a)(17)(B) of
3 this title), unless subparagraph (A), (E), (F), or (G)
4 applies;

5 “(E) the firearm or ammunition is being im-
6 ported or brought in for the use of the United
7 States, any department or agency of the United
8 States, any State, or any department, agency, or po-
9 litical subdivision of a State;

10 “(F) the firearm or ammunition is being im-
11 ported or brought in for the purpose of exportation;

12 “(G) the firearm or ammunition was previously
13 taken out of the United States or a possession there-
14 of by the person who is bringing in the firearm or
15 ammunition; or

16 “(H) the firearm is a firearm defined as curio
17 or relic by the Attorney General under section
18 921(a)(13) of this title.

19 “(2) Within 30 days after the Attorney General re-
20 ceives an application therefor, the Attorney General shall
21 permit the conditional importation or bringing in of a fire-
22 arm or ammunition for examination and testing in connec-
23 tion with the making of a determination as to whether
24 the importation or bringing in of the firearm or ammuni-
25 tion will be allowed under this subsection.

1 “(3) The Attorney General shall not authorize, under
2 this subsection, the importation of any firearm the impor-
3 tation of which is prohibited by section 922(p).”.

4 **SEC. 4. PROTECTION OF SHOTGUNS, SHOTGUN SHELLS,**
5 **AND LARGE CALIBER RIFLES FROM ARBI-**
6 **TRARY CLASSIFICATION AS “DESTRUCTIVE**
7 **DEVICES”.**

8 (a) AMENDMENTS TO THE NATIONAL FIREARMS
9 ACT.—Section 5845(f) of the National Firearms Act is
10 amended—

11 (1) in paragraph (2), by striking “recognized as
12 particularly suitable for sporting purposes” and in-
13 serting “recognized as suitable for lawful purposes”;
14 and

15 (2) by striking “use solely for sporting pur-
16 poses” and inserting “use for sporting purposes”.

17 (b) AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 18, UNITED STATES
18 CODE.—Section 921(a)(4) of title 18, United States Code,
19 is amended—

20 (1) in subparagraph (B) of the 1st sentence, by
21 striking “particularly suitable for sporting” and in-
22 serting “suitable for lawful”; and

23 (2) in the 2nd sentence, by striking “solely”.

1 **SEC. 5. BROADENING OF THE TEMPORARY INTERSTATE**
2 **TRANSFER PROVISION TO ALLOW TEM-**
3 **PORARY TRANSFERS FOR ALL LAWFUL PUR-**
4 **POSES RATHER THAN JUST FOR “SPORTING**
5 **PURPOSES”.**

6 Section 922 of title 18, United States Code, is
7 amended in each of subsections (a)(5)(B), (a)(9), and
8 (b)(3)(B), by striking “sporting”.

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