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H. R. 1477

To modernize the Undetectable Firearms Act of 1988.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. DEAN (for herself, Mr. LANGEVIN, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. COHEN, Ms. NORTON, Ms. SCANLON, Mr. TRONE, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. SWALWELL, Mrs. MCBATH, Mr. SOTO, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. CARSON, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. MALINOWSKI, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. MCNERNEY, Mr. NORCROSS, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. KHANNA, and Mr. SCHNEIDER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To modernize the Undetectable Firearms Act of 1988.

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 “Undetectable Firearms
5 Modernization Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MODERNIZATION OF THE PROHIBITION ON**
2 **UNDETECTABLE FIREARMS.**

3 Section 922(p) of title 18, United States Code, is
4 amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (1)—

6 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking
7 “grips, stocks, and magazines, is not as detect-
8 able as the Security Exemplar, by walk-through
9 metal detectors calibrated and operated to de-
10 tect the Security Exemplar” and inserting “all
11 parts other than major components, does not
12 contain detectable material”; and

13 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking
14 “when subjected to inspection by the types of x-
15 ray machines commonly used at airports, does
16 not generate” and inserting the following: “if
17 subjected to inspection by the types of detection
18 devices commonly used at airports for security
19 screening, would not generate”;

20 (2) in paragraph (2)—

21 (A) by striking subparagraph (B) and in-
22 serting the following:

23 “(B) the term ‘major component’, with respect
24 to a firearm—

25 “(i) means the slide or cylinder, or the
26 frame or receiver of the firearm; and

1 “(ii) in the case of a rifle or shotgun, in-
2 cludes the barrel of the firearm; and”;

3 (B) by striking subparagraph (C) and the
4 proviso that follows and inserting the following:

5 “(C) the term ‘detectable material’ means mate-
6 rial that produces a magnetic field that is equivalent
7 in strength to the magnetic field produced by 3.7
8 ounces of 17–4 PH stainless steel.”;

9 (3) in paragraph (3)—

10 (A) in the first sentence, by inserting
11 after “of a firearm” the following: “, in-
12 cluding a prototype,”; and

13 (B) by striking the second sentence;
14 and

15 (4) in paragraph (5), by striking “shall not
16 apply to any firearm which” and all that follows and
17 inserting the following: “shall not apply to—

18 “(A) any firearm received by, in the possession
19 of, or under the control of the United States; or

20 “(B) the manufacture, importation, possession,
21 transfer, receipt, shipment, or delivery of a firearm
22 by a licensed manufacturer or licensed importer pur-
23 suant to an existing contract with the United
24 States.”.