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H. R. 5285

To condition eligibility for a Federal license to deal in firearms on the passage of an online behavioral awareness training course, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 14, 2018

Mr. MAST (for himself and Mr. THOMAS J. ROONEY of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Behavioral Awareness
5 Training Act of 2018”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELIGIBILITY FOR A FEDERAL LICENSE TO DEAL IN**
2 **FIREARMS CONDITIONED ON PASSAGE OF A**
3 **BEHAVIORAL AWARENESS TRAINING**
4 **COURSE.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 923(d) of title 18, United
6 States Code, is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (1)—

8 (A) by striking “and” at the end of sub-
9 paragraph (F);

10 (B) by striking the period at the end of
11 subparagraph (G) and inserting “; and”; and

12 (C) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(H) in the case of an application to be licensed
14 as a dealer, the applicant has successfully completed
15 the course of study developed under paragraph (3).”;
16 and

17 (2) by adding at the end the following:

18 “(3) The Attorney General shall, directly or by con-
19 tract, develop (using best practices and science) a course
20 of study that—

21 “(A) uses behavioral analysis training materials
22 to help applicants for a license to deal in firearms
23 identify suspicious behavior by potential firearms
24 purchasers; and

1 “(B) is accessible and may be completed,
2 through the Internet website of the Bureau of Alco-
3 hol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives.”.

4 (b) LIMITATION ON LIABILITY.—Section 923 of such
5 title is amended by adding at the end the following:

6 “(m) A licensed dealer shall not be liable in an action
7 at law for damages predicated on having completed the
8 course of study developed under subsection (a)(3).”.

9 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
10 subsections (a)(1) and (b) of this section shall take effect
11 on the date that is 1 year after the date of the enactment
12 of this Act.

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