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To prevent the illegal sale of firearms, and for other purposes.

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Mr. QUIGLEY (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. NORTON, Mr. THANEDAR, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. TORRES of New York, Mr. KENNEDY of New York, Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. AUCHINCLOSS, Mr. BELL, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. LATIMER, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. CASTEN, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Mr. BEYER, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, and Mr. GOLDMAN of New York) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To prevent the illegal sale of firearms, and for other purposes.

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 “Trafficking Reduction
5 And Criminal Enforcement Act” or the “TRACE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REGULATORY REQUIREMENT TO MARK FIREARMS**
2 **WITH SECOND, HIDDEN SERIAL NUMBER.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Within 12 months after the date
4 of the enactment of this Act, the Attorney General shall
5 promulgate final regulations that require each firearm
6 manufactured in the United States on or after the effec-
7 tive date of the regulation, to be marked with a serial
8 number that is located inside the receiver of the firearm
9 or that is visible only in infrared light, in addition to the
10 serial number with which the firearm is otherwise required
11 by law to be marked.

12 (b) DEFINITION OF RECEIVER.—Section 921(a) of
13 title 18, United States Code, is amended—

14 (1) in paragraph (3)—

15 (A) by inserting “, including an unfinished
16 frame or receiver” after “such weapon”; and

17 (B) by striking “or (D) any destructive de-
18 vice” and inserting “; (D) any destructive de-
19 vice; or (E) any combination of parts designed
20 or intended for use in converting any device
21 into a firearm and from which a firearm may
22 be readily assembled”;

23 (2) in paragraph (10)—

24 (A) by striking “and the” and inserting
25 “the”; and

1 (B) by inserting “; and the term ‘manufac-
2 turing firearms’ shall include assembling a
3 functional firearm from an unfinished frame or
4 receiver or from molding, machining, or 3D
5 printing a frame or receiver, and shall not in-
6 clude making or fitting special barrels, stocks,
7 or trigger mechanisms to firearms” before the
8 period; and

9 (3) by inserting after paragraph (30) the fol-
10 lowing:

11 “(31) The term ‘unfinished frame or receiver’ means
12 any forging, casting, printing, extrusion, machined body
13 or similar article that—

14 “(A) has reached a stage in manufacture at
15 which it may readily be completed, assembled, or
16 converted to be used as the frame or receiver of a
17 functional firearm; or

18 “(B) is marketed or sold to the public to be-
19 come or be used as the frame or receiver of a func-
20 tional firearm once completed, assembled, or con-
21 verted.”.

1 **SEC. 3. REQUIREMENT TO PRESERVE INSTANT CRIMINAL**
2 **BACKGROUND CHECK RECORDS FOR 180**
3 **DAYS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 922(t)(2)(C) of title 18,
5 United States Code, is amended by inserting “after the
6 180-day period that begins with the date the system com-
7 plies with subparagraphs (A) and (B),” before “destroy”.

8 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 511 of divi-
9 sion B of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appro-
10 priations Act, 2012 (34 U.S.C. 40901 note; Public Law
11 112–55; 125 Stat. 632) is amended—

12 (1) by striking “for—” and all that follows
13 through “(1)”; and

14 (2) by striking the semicolon and all that fol-
15 lows and inserting a period.

16 (c) REGULATIONS.—Within 180 days after the date
17 of the enactment of this Act, the Attorney General shall
18 prescribe regulations to implement the amendments made
19 by this section.

20 **SEC. 4. REQUIREMENT THAT LICENSED FIREARMS DEAL-**
21 **ERS CONDUCT PHYSICAL CHECK OF THEIR**
22 **FIREARMS BUSINESS INVENTORY.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 923(g) of title 18, United
24 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
25 lowing:

1 “(8) Each licensee shall conduct a physical check of
2 the firearms inventory of the business of the licensee li-
3 censed under this chapter, in accordance with regulations
4 which shall be prescribed by the Attorney General.”.

5 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The matter under
6 the heading “BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS
7 AND EXPLOSIVES—SALARIES AND EXPENSES” in title II
8 of division B of the Consolidated and Further Continuing
9 Appropriations Act, 2013 (18 U.S.C. 923 note; Public
10 Law 113–6; 127 Stat. 247–248) is amended by striking
11 the 5th proviso.

12 (c) REGULATIONS.—Within 180 days after the date
13 of the enactment of this Act, the Attorney General shall
14 prescribe regulations to implement section 923(g)(8) of
15 title 18, United States Code.

16 **SEC. 5. ELIMINATION OF CERTAIN LIMITATIONS.**

17 (a) CONSOLIDATED AND FURTHER CONTINUING AP-
18 PROPRIATIONS ACT, 2012.—Title II of division B of the
19 Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act,
20 2012 (18 U.S.C. 923 note; Public Law 112–55; 125 Stat.
21 609–610) is amended in the matter under the heading
22 “BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EX-
23 PLOSIVES—SALARIES AND EXPENSES” by striking the 1st,
24 6th, and 7th provisos.

1 (b) CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010.—
2 Division B of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010
3 (Public Law 111–117) is amended—

4 (1) in title II—

5 (A) in the 6th proviso under the heading
6 “BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS
7 AND EXPLOSIVES—SALARIES AND EXPENSES”
8 by striking “beginning in fiscal year 2010 and
9 thereafter” and inserting “in fiscal year 2010”;
10 and

11 (B) in the matter under the heading “BU-
12 REAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND
13 EXPLOSIVES—SALARIES AND EXPENSES” by
14 striking the 7th proviso; and

15 (2) in section 511, to read as follows:

16 “SEC. 511. None of the funds appropriated pursuant
17 to this Act or any other provision of law may be used for
18 the implementation of any tax or fee in connection with
19 the implementation of subsection 922(t) of title 18, United
20 States Code.”.

21 (c) OMNIBUS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2009.—Division
22 B of the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009 (Public Law
23 111–8) is amended—

24 (1) in title II—

1 (A) in the 6th proviso under the heading
2 “BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS
3 AND EXPLOSIVES—SALARIES AND EXPENSES”
4 by striking “beginning in fiscal year 2009 and
5 thereafter” and inserting “in fiscal year 2009”;
6 and

7 (B) in the matter under the heading “BU-
8 REAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND
9 EXPLOSIVES—SALARIES AND EXPENSES” by
10 striking the 7th proviso; and

11 (2) in section 511, to read as follows:

12 “SEC. 511. None of the funds appropriated pursuant
13 to this Act or any other provision of law may be used for
14 the implementation of any tax or fee in connection with
15 the implementation of subsection 922(t) of title 18, United
16 States Code.”.

17 (d) CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2008.—
18 Division B of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008
19 (Public Law 110–161) is amended—

20 (1) in title II—

21 (A) in the 6th proviso under the heading
22 “BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS
23 AND EXPLOSIVES—SALARIES AND EXPENSES”
24 by striking “beginning in fiscal year 2008 and

1 thereafter” and inserting “in fiscal year 2008”;
2 and

3 (B) in the matter under the heading “BU-
4 REAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND
5 EXPLOSIVES—SALARIES AND EXPENSES” by
6 striking the 7th proviso; and

7 (2) in section 512, to read as follows:

8 “SEC. 512. None of the funds appropriated pursuant
9 to this Act or any other provision of law may be used for
10 the implementation of any tax or fee in connection with
11 the implementation of subsection 922(t) of title 18, United
12 States Code.”.

13 (e) SCIENCE, STATE, JUSTICE, COMMERCE, AND RE-
14 LATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2006.—The
15 Science, State, Justice, Commerce, and Related Agencies
16 Appropriations Act, 2006 (Public Law 109–108) is
17 amended—

18 (1) in title I—

19 (A) in the 6th proviso under the heading
20 “BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS
21 AND EXPLOSIVES—SALARIES AND EXPENSES”
22 by striking “with respect to any fiscal year”;
23 and

24 (B) in the matter under the heading “BU-
25 REAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND

1 EXPLOSIVES—SALARIES AND EXPENSES” by
2 striking the 7th proviso; and

3 (2) in section 611, to read as follows:

4 “SEC. 611. None of the funds appropriated pursuant
5 to this Act or any other provision of law may be used for
6 the implementation of any tax or fee in connection with
7 the implementation of subsection 922(t) of title 18, United
8 States Code.”.

9 (f) CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2005.—
10 Division B of the Science, State, Justice, Commerce, and
11 Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2005 (Public Law
12 108–447) is amended—

13 (1) in title I—

14 (A) in the 6th proviso under the heading
15 “BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS
16 AND EXPLOSIVES—SALARIES AND EXPENSES”
17 by striking “with respect to any fiscal year”;
18 and

19 (B) in the matter under the heading “BU-
20 REAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND
21 EXPLOSIVES—SALARIES AND EXPENSES” by
22 striking the 7th proviso; and

23 (2) in section 615, to read as follows:

24 “SEC. 615. None of the funds appropriated pursuant
25 to this Act or any other provision of law may be used for

1 the implementation of any tax or fee in connection with
2 the implementation of subsection 922(t) of title 18, United
3 States Code.”.

4 (g) CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2004.—
5 Division B of the Science, State, Justice, Commerce, and
6 Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2004 (Public Law
7 108–199) is amended—

8 (1) in the matter under the heading “BUREAU
9 OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLO-
10 SIVES—SALARIES AND EXPENSES” by striking the
11 7th proviso; and

12 (2) in section 617(a), to read as follows:

13 “(a) None of the funds appropriated pursuant to this
14 Act or any other provision of law may be used for the
15 implementation of any tax or fee in connection with the
16 implementation of subsection 922(t) of title 18, United
17 States Code.”.

18 (h) CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION,
19 2003.—Division J of the Consolidated Appropriations
20 Resolution, 2003 (5 U.S.C. 552 note; Public Law 108–
21 7; 117 Stat. 473–474) is amended in section 644 by strik-
22 ing “or any other Act with respect to any fiscal year”.

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