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# H. R. 4222

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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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,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Fire Sale Loophole  
5       Closing Act of 2025”.

6       **SEC. 2. SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.**

7       It is the sense of Congress that the Bureau of Alco-  
8       hol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives has the authority  
9       to regulate how Federal firearms licensees discontinue  
10      their firearms businesses, and to clarify statutory require-

1 ments regarding firearms that remain in the possession  
 2 of a former licensee (or a responsible person of the former  
 3 licensee) at the time the license is terminated.

4 **SEC. 3. RESTRICTIONS ON THE ABILITY TO TRANSFER**  
 5 **BUSINESS INVENTORY FIREARMS.**

6 (a) RESTRICTIONS.—Section 922 of title 18, United  
 7 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
 8 lowing:

9 “(aa) RESTRICTIONS ON ABILITY TO TRANSFER  
 10 BUSINESS INVENTORY FIREARMS.—

11 “(1) TRANSFER AFTER NOTICE OF LICENSE  
 12 REVOCATION OR DENIAL OF LICENSE RENEWAL.—

13 “(A) OFFENSE.—It shall be unlawful for a  
 14 person who has been notified by the Attorney  
 15 General that the Attorney General has made a  
 16 determination to revoke a license issued to the  
 17 person under this chapter to import, manufac-  
 18 ture, or deal in firearms, or to deny an applica-  
 19 tion of the person to renew such a license, to—

20 “(i) transfer a business inventory fire-  
 21 arm of the person—

22 “(I) into a personal collection of  
 23 the person; or

24 “(II) to an employee of the per-  
 25 son, or to an individual described in

1 section 923(d)(1)(B) with respect to  
2 the person; or

3 “(ii) receive a firearm that was a  
4 business inventory firearm of the person as  
5 of the date the person received the notice.

6 “(B) RESCINDED DETERMINATIONS.—Sub-  
7 paragraph (A) shall not apply with respect to a  
8 license revocation or denial determination that  
9 is rescinded.

10 “(2) TRANSFER AFTER REVOCATION OR EXPI-  
11 RATION OF LICENSE.—

12 “(A) OFFENSE.—It shall be unlawful for a  
13 person—

14 “(i) on or after the effective date of  
15 the revocation of a license issued to the  
16 person under this chapter to import, man-  
17 ufacture, or deal in firearms, or (in the  
18 case that the application of the person to  
19 renew such a license is denied) on or after  
20 the date the license expires, to—

21 “(I) engage in conduct prohibited  
22 by paragraph (1); or

23 “(II) transfer to any other per-  
24 son (except a person licensed under  
25 this chapter or a Federal, State, or

1 local law enforcement agency) a fire-  
2 arm that was a business inventory  
3 firearm of the person as of the effec-  
4 tive date or expiration date, as the  
5 case may be; or

6 “(ii) after the 30-day period that be-  
7 gins with the applicable date referred to in  
8 clause (i), transfer to a person licensed  
9 under this chapter a firearm that was a  
10 business inventory firearm of the person as  
11 of the applicable date.

12 “(B) REVERSED DETERMINATIONS.—Sub-  
13 paragraph (A) shall not apply with respect to a  
14 license revocation or denial determination that  
15 is reversed.

16 “(3) TRANSFER OF FORMER BUSINESS INVEN-  
17 TORY FIREARM OUT OF PERSONAL COLLECTION.—It  
18 shall be unlawful for any person who has transferred  
19 a business inventory firearm into a personal collec-  
20 tion of the person, to transfer the firearm within 1  
21 year after the transfer of the business inventory fire-  
22 arm.”.

23 (b) BUSINESS INVENTORY FIREARM DEFINED.—  
24 Section 921(a) of such title is amended by adding at the  
25 end the following:

1       “(38) The term ‘business inventory firearm’ means,  
2 with respect to a person, a firearm required by law to be  
3 recorded in the acquisition and disposition logs of any fire-  
4 arms business of the person.”.

5       (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 923(c) of  
6 such title is amended in the second sentence by inserting  
7 “section 922(aa) and to” after “subject only to”.

8       (d) PENALTIES.—Section 924(a) of such title is  
9 amended by adding at the end the following:

10       “(9) Whoever knowingly violates section 922(aa)  
11 shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than  
12 1 year (or, if the violation was willful, 5 years), or both.”.

13       (e) REQUIREMENT THAT LICENSE REVOCATION OR  
14 APPLICATION DENIAL NOTICE INCLUDE TEXT OF LAW  
15 PROHIBITING DEALING IN FIREARMS WITHOUT A FED-  
16 ERAL FIREARMS LICENSE AND RESTRICTING TRANSFER  
17 OF BUSINESS INVENTORY FIREARMS.—Section 923(f)(1)  
18 of such title is amended by inserting after the first sen-  
19 tence the following: “A written notice described in the pre-  
20 ceding sentence shall set forth the provisions of Federal  
21 statutes and regulations that prohibit a person not li-  
22 censed under this chapter from engaging in the business  
23 of dealing in firearms or that are relevant in determining

- 1 whether a person is doing so, and the provisions of section
- 2 922(aa).”.

