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H. R. 3458

To require certain semiautomatic pistols manufactured, imported, or sold by Federal firearms licensees to be capable of microstamping ammunition, and to prohibit the removal, obliteration, or alteration of the microstamped code or microstamping capability of a firearm.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 27, 2017

Mr. BROWN of Maryland (for himself, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. GUTIÉRREZ, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. MCEACHIN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. RASKIN, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. SUOZZI, and Mr. VARGAS) 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 “Make Identifiable
5 Criminal Rounds Obvious Act” or the “MICRO Act”.

1 SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT THAT CERTAIN SEMIAUTOMATIC
2 PISTOLS MANUFACTURED, IMPORTED, OR
3 SOLD BY FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSEES BE
4 CAPABLE OF MICROSTAMPING AMMUNITION.

5 Section 923 of title 18, United States Code, is
6 amended by adding at the end the following:

7 “(m)(1)(A) A person licensed under this chapter shall
8 not manufacture, import, or transfer a semiautomatic pis-
9 tol to which this subparagraph applies that is not capable
10 of microstamping ammunition.

11 “(B) For purposes of subparagraph (A), a pistol is
12 capable of microstamping ammunition if—

13 “(i) a microscopic array of characters that iden-
14 tify the make, model, and serial number of the pistol
15 is etched into the breech face and firing pin of the
16 pistol; and

17 “(ii) when ammunition is fired from the pistol,
18 the characters are copied from the breech face and
19 firing pin onto the cartridge case of the ammunition.

20 “(C) Subparagraph (A) shall apply only to semiauto-
21 matic pistols which—

22 “(i) are manufactured, or imported into the
23 United States, on or after the effective date of this
24 subsection; and

25 “(ii) have not been transferred to a person not
26 licensed under this chapter.

1 “(2) Whoever violates paragraph (1) shall be fined
2 an amount equal to—

3 “(A) in the case of a first such violation by the
4 violator, \$1,000 multiplied by the number of semi-
5 automatic pistols involved in the violation;

6 “(B) in the case of a second such violation by
7 the violator, \$2,000 multiplied by the number of
8 semiautomatic pistols involved in the violation; or

9 “(C) in the case of a third such violation by the
10 violator, \$3,000 multiplied by the number of semi-
11 automatic pistols involved in the violation.”.

12 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON THE REMOVAL, OBLITERATION,**
13 **OR ALTERATION OF THE MICROSTAMPED**
14 **CODE OR MICROSTAMPING CAPABILITY OF A**
15 **FIREARM.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 922 of title 18, United
17 States Code, is amended by inserting after subsection (t)
18 the following:

19 “(v)(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to remove,
20 obliterate, or alter the microstamped code or micro-
21 stamping capability of a firearm that has been shipped
22 or transported in interstate or foreign commerce.

23 “(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply to the replace-
24 ment of a firing pin that is damaged or worn, and is in
25 need of replacement.”.

1 (b) PENALTIES.—Section 924 of such title is amend-
2 ed by adding at the end the following:

3 “(q)(1)(A) In the case of a knowing violation of sec-
4 tion 922(v), the Attorney General may, after notice and
5 opportunity for hearing—

6 “(i) subject the violator to a civil penalty in an
7 amount equal to not more than \$5,000; and

8 “(ii) if the violator is a licensed manufacturer,
9 licensed importer, or licensed dealer, suspend for not
10 more than 6 months, or revoke, any license issued
11 to the licensee under this chapter.

12 “(B) An action under subparagraph (A) may be re-
13 viewed only as provided under section 923(f).

14 “(2) The suspension or revocation of a license or the
15 imposition of a civil penalty under paragraph (1) shall not
16 preclude any administrative remedy that is otherwise
17 available to the Attorney General.”.

18 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

19 The amendments made by this Act shall take effect
20 on the date that is 2 years after the date of the enactment
21 of this Act.

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