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H. R. 4730

To authorize the Attorney General to carry out a pilot program to make grants to entities to develop gun safety technology, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SPEIER (for herself, Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. GARAMENDI, Ms. NORTON, Mr. HASTINGS, and Mr. LYNCH) 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 “Advancing Gun Safety
5 Technology Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. GUN SAFETY TECHNOLOGY PILOT PROGRAM.**

7 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Attorney General, acting
8 through the Director of the National Institute of Justice,

1 is authorized to carry out a pilot program to make grants
2 to eligible entities to develop gun safety technology.

3 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the grant program
4 under this section is to support the commercialization of
5 technology that decreases the likelihood that a gun can
6 be used accidentally or by unauthorized users.

7 (c) APPLICATION.—An eligible entity seeking a grant
8 under this section shall submit to the Attorney General
9 an application at such time, in such manner, and con-
10 taining such information as the Attorney General may rea-
11 sonably require, which information shall include a descrip-
12 tion of the entity’s commitment and plans to develop gun
13 safety technology and an initial gun safety product design.

14 (d) NUMBER OF GRANTS.—The Attorney General
15 shall make not less than 3 grants and not more than 5
16 grants under the pilot program under this section.

17 (e) REPORT.—An eligible entity receiving a grant
18 under this section shall report to the Attorney General,
19 at such times and including such information as the Attor-
20 ney General may reasonably require, related milestones for
21 the gun safety technology funded under this section, in-
22 cluding the following:

- 23 (1) Building a prototype.
- 24 (2) Conducting reliability testing.
- 25 (3) Planning for trial production.

1 (4) Preparing to commercialize.

2 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
3 authorized to be appropriated \$10,000,000 for fiscal year
4 2021.

5 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 (1) The term “eligible entity” means a small
7 business concern (as defined under section 3 of the
8 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632)) that has less
9 than 500 employees.

10 (2) The term “gun” has the meaning given the
11 term “firearm” in section 921 of title 18, United
12 States Code.

13 (3) The term “gun safety technology” means
14 technology that is designed to reduce the likelihood
15 of an accidental or unauthorized use of a gun, in-
16 cluding smart guns, user-authorized handguns,
17 childproof guns, personalized guns, and safes and
18 locking devices that include personalized technology.

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