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H. R. 3269

To modernize Federal firearms laws to account for advancements in technology and less-than-lethal weapons, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 11, 2023

Mr. STANTON (for himself, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. STAUBER, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. CORREA, and Mr. BIGGS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Law Enforcement In-
5 novate to De-Escalate Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXEMPTION OF CERTAIN LESS-THAN-LETHAL PRO-**
2 **JECTILE DEVICES FROM RESTRICTIONS**
3 **UNDER TITLE 18, UNITED STATES CODE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 921(a) of title 18, United
5 States Code, is amended—

6 (1) in the 2nd sentence of paragraph (3), by in-
7 sserting “or a less-than-lethal projectile device” be-
8 fore the period; and

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

10 “(38) The term ‘less-than-lethal projectile device’
11 means a device with a bore or multiple bores, that—

12 “(A) is not designed or intended to expel a pro-
13 jectile at a velocity exceeding 500 feet per second by
14 any means; and

15 “(B) is designed or intended to be used in a
16 manner that is not likely to cause death or serious
17 bodily injury.”.

18 **SEC. 3. EXEMPTION OF CERTAIN LESS-THAN-LETHAL PRO-**
19 **JECTILE DEVICES FROM FIREARMS AND AM-**
20 **MUNITION TAX.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4182 of the Internal Rev-
22 enue Code of 1986 is amended by redesignating subsection
23 (d) as subsection (e) and by inserting after subsection (c)
24 the following new subsection:

25 “(d) LESS-THAN-LETHAL PROJECTILE DEVICES.—
26 The tax imposed by section 4181 shall not apply to any

1 less-than-lethal projectile device (as defined in section
2 921(a)(38) of title 18, United States Code) or any less-
3 than-lethal shells or cartridges designed for use in such
4 a device.”.

5 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
6 this section shall apply to articles sold by the manufac-
7 turer, producer, or importer after the date of the enact-
8 ment of this Act.

9 **SEC. 4. EXEMPTION OF CERTAIN LESS-THAN-LETHAL PRO-**
10 **JECTILE DEVICES FROM NATIONAL FIRE-**
11 **ARMS ACT.**

12 Section 5845(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of
13 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following:
14 “Such term shall not include any less-than-lethal projectile
15 device (as defined in section 921(a)(38) of title 18, United
16 States Code).”.

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