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S. 1654

To apply equal standards to certain foreign made and domestically produced handguns.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 28, 1996

Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. BRADLEY) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To apply equal standards to certain foreign made and domestically produced handguns.

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 “Junk Gun Violence
5 Protection Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds that—

8 (1) the prohibition on the importation of hand-
9 guns that are not generally recognized as particu-
10 larly suitable for or readily adaptable to sporting

1 purposes, often described as junk guns or Saturday
 2 night specials, has led to the creation of a high-vol-
 3 ume market for these weapons that are domestically
 4 manufactured;

5 (2) traffic in junk guns constitutes a serious
 6 threat to public welfare and to law enforcement offi-
 7 cers, and the use of such firearms is increasing;

8 (3) junk guns are used disproportionately in the
 9 commission of crimes;

10 (4) of the firearms traced in 1995, the 3 fire-
 11 arms most commonly traced to crimes were junk
 12 guns; and

13 (5) the domestic manufacture, transfer, and
 14 possession of junk guns should be restricted.

15 **SEC. 3. RESTRICTION ON MANUFACTURE, TRANSFER, AND**
 16 **POSSESSION OF CERTAIN HANDGUNS.**

17 (a) RESTRICTION.—Section 922 of title 18, United
 18 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the follow-
 19 ing new subsection:

20 “(y)(1) It shall be unlawful for a person to manufac-
 21 ture, transfer, or possess a junk gun that has been shipped
 22 or transported in interstate or foreign commerce.

23 “(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply to—

24 “(A) the possession or transfer of any junk gun
 25 otherwise lawfully possessed under Federal law on

1 the date of the enactment of the Junk Gun Violence
2 Protection Act;

3 “(B) any firearm or replica of a firearm that
4 has been rendered permanently inoperative;

5 “(C) the manufacture for, transfer to, or pos-
6 session by the United States or a State or a depart-
7 ment or agency of the United States, or a State or
8 a department, agency, or political subdivision of a
9 State, or a transfer to or possession by a law en-
10 forcement officer employed by such an entity for law
11 enforcement purposes (whether on or off duty); or

12 “(D) the manufacture, transfer, or possession
13 of a junk gun by a licensed manufacturer or licensed
14 importer for the purposes of testing or experimen-
15 tation authorized by the Secretary.”.

16 (b) DEFINITION OF JUNK GUN.—Section 921(a) of
17 title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
18 end the following new paragraph:

19 “(33)(A) The term ‘junk gun’ means any firearm
20 that is not described in section 925(d)(3), and any regula-
21 tions issued under such section.”.

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