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S. 112

To amend title 18, United States Code, to regulate the manufacture, importation, and sale of ammunition capable of piercing police body armor.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MOYNIHAN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 “Law Enforcement Offi-
5 cers Protection Amendment Act of 1997”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF THE DEFINITION OF ARMOR PIERC-**
7 **ING AMMUNITION.**

8 Section 921(a)(17)(B) of title 18, United States
9 Code, is amended—

10 (1) by striking “or” at the end of clause (i);

1 (2) by striking the period at the end of clause
2 (ii) and inserting “; or”; and

3 (3) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(iii) a projectile that may be used in
5 a handgun and that the Secretary of the
6 Treasury, in consultation with the Attor-
7 ney General determines, pursuant to sec-
8 tion 926(d), to be capable of penetrating
9 body armor.”.

10 **SEC. 3. DETERMINATION OF ARMOR PIERCING CAPABILITY**
11 **OF PROJECTILES.**

12 Section 926 of such title is amended by adding at
13 the end the following:

14 “(d) Not later than 1 year after the date of enact-
15 ment of this subsection, the Secretary shall promulgate
16 regulations based on standards to be developed by the Sec-
17 retary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Attorney
18 General, for the uniform testing of projectiles to determine
19 whether such projectiles are capable of penetrating Na-
20 tional Institute of Justice Level II–A body armor.”.

21 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

22 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
23 as may be necessary for the Secretary of the Treasury and
24 the Attorney General to—

- 1 (1) develop and implement performance stand-
- 2 ards for armor piercing ammunition; and
- 3 (2) promulgate regulations for performance
- 4 standards for armor piercing ammunition.

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