A BILL

To better regulate the transfer of firearms at gun shows.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. REGULATION OF GUN SHOWS.

(a) In General.—Section 923 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(m)(1) No person shall hold a gun show, unless—

“(A) the person is licensed to hold a gun show under this subsection; and

“(B) not less than 30 days have elapsed since the person, using a form which shall be prescribed
by the Secretary, has notified the Secretary and the
chief law enforcement officer of the appropriate ju-
risdiction of the postal address and the dates and
times at which the gun show is to be held.
“(2) In order to be licensed to hold a gun show under
this subsection, a person shall submit to the Secretary an
application that—
“(A) contains a certification by the applicant
that—
“(i) the applicant meets the requirements
of subparagraphs (A) through (D) of subsection
(d)(1); and
“(ii) any gun show to be conducted under
the license is not prohibited under State or local
law, and will be conducted in accordance with
all applicable State and local laws;
“(B) contains a photograph and fingerprints of
the applicant; and
“(C) is in such form as the Secretary shall pre-
scribe by regulation.
“(3)(A) Not later than 60 days after the date on
which the Secretary receives an application under para-
graph (2), the Secretary shall approve or deny the applica-
tion. The Secretary shall approve an application submitted
pursuant to paragraph (2) if the application meets the require-
ments of that paragraph.

“(B) If the Secretary fails to approve or deny an ap-
lication submitted under paragraph (2) before the expira-
tion of the 60-day period described in subparagraph (A),
the applicant may bring an action under section 1361 of
title 28 to compel the Secretary to either approve or deny
the application in accordance with this subsection.

“(C) Upon approval of an application submitted
under paragraph (2) by the Secretary and payment by the
applicant of such fee as the Secretary shall establish to
ensure that the fees collected under this subsection are
sufficient to cover the costs of issuing licenses under this
subsection, the Secretary shall issue to the applicant a li-
cense that, subject to this chapter and other applicable
provisions of law, entitles the licensee to hold gun shows
in interstate or foreign commerce during the 3-year period
beginning on the date on which the license is issued.

“(4)(A) Before any person who is not licensed under
this subsection may transfer any firearm at a gun show—

“(i) the person shall provide to the holder of the
gun show written notice of—

“(I) the name, age, and address of the per-
son and of the prospective transferee (or, in the
case of a party who is a corporation or other
business entity, the identity and principal and local places of business of such party);

“(II) the serial number, make, and model of the firearm; and

“(III) the date and location of the transfer; and

“(ii) the holder of a gun show shall comply with the requirements imposed on licensed dealers by section 922(t) and subsections (g)(1)(A) and (g)(3)(A) of this section with respect to the transfer.

“(B) Not later than 30 days after the end of a gun show for which a license is issued under this subsection, the licensee shall deliver to the Secretary all records or documents collected by the licensee pursuant to subparagraph (A) with respect to that gun show.

“(5) In this subsection, the term ‘gun show’ means an event or function that is—

“(A) sponsored by—

“(i) a national, State, or local organization devoted to the collection, competitive use, or other sporting use of firearms; or

“(ii) an organization or association that sponsors functions devoted to the collection, competitive use, or other sporting use of firearms in the community; and
“(B) held at a location—

“(i) that is not specified in any license issued under subsection (b) or (c);

“(ii) at which a firearm is offered for sale or transfer; and

“(iii) at which not less than 50 firearms are present, not less than 1 of which has been shipped or transported in interstate or foreign commerce.”.

(b) Penalties.—Section 924(a) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(7)(A) Whoever knowingly violates section 923(m)(1) shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 5 years, or both.

“(B) Whoever knowingly violates subparagraph (A)(i) or (B) of section 923(m)(4) shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 1 year, or both.

“(C) Whoever violates section 923(m)(4)(A)(ii) by knowingly failing to comply with a provision of law specified in that section shall be punished as otherwise provided under this section for knowingly violating that provision of law.”.

(c) Effective Date.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to any conduct engaged in after
1 the expiration of the 1-year period beginning on the date
2 of enactment of this Act.