107TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION H.R. 3679

To prohibit the possession or transfer of junk guns, also known as Saturday Night Specials.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 5, 2002 Mr. GUTIERREZ 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. PROHIBITION AGAINST POSSESSION OR TRANS-

4 FER OF JUNK GUNS, ALSO KNOWN AS SATUR5 DAY NIGHT SPECIALS.

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 922 of title 18, United
7 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol8 lowing:

1 (z)(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to possess 2 or transfer a junk gun which has been shipped or trans-3 ported in interstate or foreign commerce.

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4 "(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply to the continuous 5 and otherwise lawful possession of a junk gun by a person during any period that began before the effective date of 6 7 this subsection.".

8 (b) JUNK GUN DEFINED.—Section 921(a) of such title is amended by adding at the end the following: 9

10 "(35)(A) The term 'junk gun' means—

11 "(i) a handgun that is not a sporting handgun; 12 and

"(ii) any combination of parts from which a 13 14 handgun described in clause (i) can be assembled.

"(B) The term 'sporting handgun' means a handgun 15 which the Secretary has determined, using the criteria ap-16 plied in making determinations under section 925(d)(3), 17 18 to be of a type generally recognized as particularly suitable for or readily adaptable to sporting purposes.". 19

(c) PENALTY.—Section 924(a)(1)(B) of such title is 20 amended by inserting "or (z)" before "of". 21

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