

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 821

To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the manufacture or importation, or transfer by a licensed firearms dealer, of a pistol that does not have a chamber load indicator and, in the case of a semiautomatic pistol that has a detachable magazine, a mechanism that prevents the pistol from being fired when the magazine is not attached.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 13, 2003

Mr. LANGEVIN (for himself, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. BERMAN, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. FARR, Mr. FILNER, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. HOEFFEL, Mr. HONDA, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. KIRK, Mr. LANTOS, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. LYNCH, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. NADLER, Mr. PASCRELL, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. WEINER, Mr. WEXLER, and Ms. WOOLSEY) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Accidental Shooting
5 Prevention Act of 2003”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION.**

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

10 “(z)(1) It shall be unlawful for a person to manufac-
11 ture or import into the United States a pistol, or for a
12 person licensed under this chapter to transfer possession
13 of or title to a pistol manufactured on or after January
14 1, 2006, unless the pistol includes—

15 “(A) a plainly visible device in a con-
16 trasting color that clearly indicates whether the
17 pistol is loaded; and

18 “(B) if the pistol is a semiautomatic pistol
19 that has a detachable ammunition magazine, a
20 mechanism that prevents the pistol from being
21 fired when the magazine is not attached to the
22 pistol.”.

23 (b) PENALTY.—Section 924(a) of such title is amend-
24 ed by adding at the end the following:

1 “(7)(A) The Attorney General shall impose a civil
2 fine of \$1,000 on whomever knowingly violates section
3 922(z).

4 “(B) In the case of the 2nd such violation by a person
5 who is licensed under this chapter, the Attorney General
6 shall, in addition, suspend the license for the 30-day pe-
7 riod beginning with the date on which the Attorney Gen-
8 eral finds that the person has committed the violation.

9 “(C) In the case of the 3rd or subsequent such viola-
10 tion by a person who is licensed under this chapter, the
11 Attorney General shall immediately revoke the license, and
12 the person shall thereafter be ineligible for a license under
13 this chapter.”.

14 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
15 this section shall apply to conduct engaged in after Janu-
16 ary 1, 2006.

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