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H. R. 1454

To modify the definition of armor piercing ammunition to better capture its capabilities.

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Ms. SPEIER (for herself, Ms. BASS, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. CICILLINE, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. FARR, Ms. FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. HONDA, Mr. ISRAEL, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Ms. NORTON, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. TAKANO, and Ms. CASTOR of Florida) 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 “Modernized Law En-
5 forcement Officers Protection Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. ARMOR PIERCING AMMUNITION.**

2 (a) EXPANSION OF DEFINITION.—Section
3 921(a)(17)(B) of title 18, United States Code, is amend-
4 ed—

5 (1) in clause (I), by striking “or” at the end;

6 (2) in clause (ii), by striking the period and in-
7 serting “; and”; and

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

9 “(iii) a projectile that—

10 “(I) may be used in a handgun;

11 and

12 “(II) the Attorney General deter-
13 mines, under section 926(d), to be ca-
14 pable of penetrating body armor.”.

15 (b) DETERMINATION OF CAPABILITY OF PROJEC-
16 TILES TO PENETRATE BODY ARMOR.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 926 of such title is
18 amended by adding at the end the following:

19 “(d)(1) The Attorney General, in consultation with
20 Director of Operational Test and Evaluation of the De-
21 partment of Defense, shall promulgate standards for the
22 uniform testing of projectiles against the Body Armor Ex-
23 emplar.

24 “(2) The standards promulgated under paragraph
25 (1) shall take into account, among other factors, vari-
26 ations in performance that are related to the type of hand-

1 gun used, the length of the barrel of the handgun, the
2 amount and kind of powder used to propel the projectile,
3 and the design of the projectile.

4 “(3) In paragraph (1), the term ‘Body Armor Exem-
5 plar’ means body armor that the Attorney General deter-
6 mines meets minimum standards for the protection of law
7 enforcement officers.”.

8 (2) TIMING OF PROMULGATION OF STAND-
9 ARDS.—The Attorney General shall promulgate the
10 standards required by section 926(d) of title 18,
11 United States Code, within 1 year after the date of
12 the enactment of this section.

13 (3) ASSESSMENT AND MODIFICATION OF
14 STANDARDS.—The Attorney General shall assess the
15 standards every 3 years, or more frequently if the
16 Attorney General finds that technological advances
17 warrant doing so, and shall modify the standards as
18 appropriate.

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