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H. R. 3569

To require the Attorney General to establish a “Good Neighbor” code of conduct for federally licensed firearms dealers, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 18, 2015

Mr. GALLEGO (for himself, Mr. QUIGLEY, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, and Ms. NORTON) 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 “Good Neighbor Gun
5 Dealer Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. GOOD NEIGHBOR CODE OF CONDUCT FOR GUN**
7 **DEALERS.**

8 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Attorney General shall
9 establish a voluntary code of conduct for licensed dealers

1 (which shall be known as the “Good Neighbor Code of
2 Conduct”) that shall urge licensed dealers, at a minimum,
3 to—

4 (1) take such steps as the Attorney General
5 specifies in the code of conduct to—

6 (A) prevent the dealer from selling a fire-
7 arm to a straw purchaser, gun trafficker, crimi-
8 nal, or other individual prohibited by law from
9 purchasing a firearm; and

10 (B) maintain a well-trained, responsible,
11 law-abiding workforce;

12 (2) implement a safety plan to detect and deter
13 firearm theft from the licensed dealer;

14 (3) cooperate fully with all law enforcement in-
15 vestigations, and notify law enforcement of sus-
16 pected straw purchasers of firearms; and

17 (4) ensure that a background check is com-
18 pleted before the sale of any firearm.

19 (b) PUBLICATION.—Within 6 months after the date
20 of the enactment of this Act, the Attorney General shall
21 cause to be published on the website of the Department
22 of Justice the code of conduct established under sub-
23 section (a).

1 **SEC. 3. GOOD NEIGHBOR CERTIFICATION FOR GUN DEAL-**
2 **ERS.**

3 (a) CREATION.—The Attorney General shall create a
4 “Good Neighbor” certification for licensed dealers who
5 agree to abide by the code of conduct established under
6 section 2.

7 (b) REPORT TO THE CONGRESS.—Within 6 months
8 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Attorney
9 General shall report to the Congress on the process for
10 awarding the certification created under subsection (a).

11 (c) REVOCATION.—The Attorney General, in the sole
12 discretion of the Attorney General, may revoke a certifi-
13 cation granted under this section, for failure to abide by
14 the code of conduct established under section 2.

15 (d) PUBLICATION.—The Attorney General shall
16 cause to be published on the website of the Department
17 of Justice a full list of licensed dealers to whom a Good
18 Neighbor certification has been granted under this section,
19 and shall provide that list to the Congress annually.

20 **SEC. 4. DISCLOSURE OF FIREARM TRACE DATA.**

21 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the At-
22 torney General may disclose firearms trace data to the
23 public, to the extent that doing so will not undermine an
24 investigation or, in the judgement of the Attorney General,
25 otherwise compromise the efforts of law enforcement or
26 public safety.

1 **SEC. 5. STRATEGIC PLAN.**

2 Within 180 days after the date of the enactment of
3 this Act, the Attorney General shall submit to the Com-
4 mittee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives
5 and the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate a stra-
6 tegic plan detailing the efforts to be made by the Attorney
7 General to—

8 (1) improve the accuracy, reliability and com-
9 prehensiveness of firearms trace data;

10 (2) enhance the identification of licensed deal-
11 ers who have transferred firearms that have been
12 disproportionately used in the commission of crime;
13 and

14 (3) increase enforcement against violations of
15 Federal law by licensed dealers.

16 **SEC. 6. DEFINITION OF LICENSED DEALER.**

17 In this Act, the term “licensed dealer” has the mean-
18 ing given in section 921(a)(11) of title 18, United States
19 Code.

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