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To require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study of, and report to the Congress on, secure gun storage or safety devices.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ENGEL 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. GAO STUDY OF SECURE GUN STORAGE OR**
4 **SAFETY DEVICES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General of the
6 United States (in this section referred to as the “Comp-
7 troller General”) shall conduct a comprehensive study of
8 the effectiveness of secure gun storage or safety devices,
9 and the enforcement of section 922(z) of title 18, United
10 States Code.

1 (b) MATTERS TO BE STUDIED.—In conducting the
2 study required by subsection (a), the Comptroller General
3 shall examine the following:

4 (1) The effectiveness of widely available secure
5 gun storage or safety devices in preventing acci-
6 dental and intentional firearm-related injuries and
7 fatalities.

8 (2) The effects of the use of widely available se-
9 cure gun storage or safety devices on the utility of
10 firearms with which they may be used.

11 (3) The effectiveness of “smart gun” tech-
12 nologies and similar tools that verify the identity of
13 a firearm user before allowing the weapon to fire
14 and the effects of the tools on the rate of accidental
15 and intentional firearm-related injuries and fatali-
16 ties.

17 (4) The expected effects of the universal adop-
18 tion of effective secure gun storage or safety devices
19 and “smart gun” technology by firearm owners in
20 the United States on the rate of accidental and in-
21 tentional firearm-related injuries and fatalities.

22 (5) The enforcement efforts of all Federal agen-
23 cies concerning potential violations of section 922(z)
24 of title 18, United States Code.

1 (6) An estimate of the prevalence in the United
2 States of violations of that section.

3 (7) The expected effects of effective enforce-
4 ment of that section on the rate of accidental and
5 intentional firearm-related injuries and fatalities.

6 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 (1) FIREARM.—The term “firearm” has the
8 meaning given the term in section 921(a)(3) of title
9 18, United States Code.

10 (2) SECURE GUN STORAGE OR SAFETY DE-
11 VICE.—The term “secure gun storage or safety de-
12 vice” has the meaning given the term in section
13 921(a)(34) of such title.

14 (d) CONSULTATION.—In conducting the study re-
15 quired by subsection (a), the Comptroller General shall
16 consult with law enforcement agencies, firearm safety ad-
17 vocates, firearm rights advocates, and the manufacturers
18 of “smart guns” and secure gun storage or safety devices.

19 (e) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
20 of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall
21 submit to the Congress a report that contains—

22 (1) the results of the study required by sub-
23 section (a); and

24 (2) any recommendations based on the study.

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