

114TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5470

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 14, 2016

Ms. JACKSON LEE (for herself and Ms. BROWN 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 “Stop Mass Killings
5 By Violent Terrorists Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds as follows:

8 (1) In 2015, there were 64 shootings at elemen-
9 tary and secondary schools in the United States, and
10 372 mass shootings, which claimed the lives of 475
11 persons and left 1,870 victims injured.

12 (2) More than 300,000 persons lost their lives
13 as a result of gun violence during the period from
14 2005 through 2015.

15 (3) On June 13, 2016, in Orlando, Florida, 49
16 persons were killed in the deadliest mass shooting in
17 the history of the United States.

18 **SEC. 3. FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSEES REQUIRED TO**
19 **CONDUCT CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK**
20 **BEFORE TRANSFER OF LARGE CAPACITY AM-**
21 **MUNITION FEEDING DEVICE TO NON-LI-**
22 **CENSEE.**

23 Section 922(t) of title 18, United States Code, is
24 amended by adding at the end the following:

25 “(7) For purposes of this subsection:

1 “(A) The term ‘firearm’ includes a large capac-
2 ity ammunition feeding device.

3 “(B) The term ‘large capacity ammunition feed-
4 ing device’ has the meaning given in section
5 921(a)(31) of this title, as in effect on the date of
6 the enactment of the Violent Crime and Law En-
7 forcement Act of 1994 (Public Law 103–322).”.

8 **SEC. 4. PROHIBITION ON TRANSFER OF SEMIAUTOMATIC**
9 **ASSAULT WEAPON OR LARGE CAPACITY AM-**
10 **MUNITION FEEDING DEVICE BY FEDERALLY**
11 **LICENSED FIREARMS IMPORTER, MANUFAC-**
12 **TURER, OR DEALER TO NON-LICENSEE UNTIL**
13 **ANSWERS OF PROSPECTIVE TRANSFEREE TO**
14 **QUESTIONS ABOUT EXISTENCE AND NATURE**
15 **OF RECENT CONTACTS BY FEDERAL LAW EN-**
16 **FORCEMENT AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN**
17 **VERIFIED.**

18 Section 922(t) of title 18, United States Code, as
19 amended by section 3 of this Act, is amended by adding
20 at the end the following:

21 “(8) The Attorney General shall ensure that the in-
22 formation required to be provided by a person not licensed
23 under this chapter who is seeking to obtain a firearm from
24 a licensed importer, licensed manufacturer, or licensed
25 dealer shall include written responses to such questions

1 as the Attorney General shall develop concerning the exist-
2 ence and nature of any contact the person has had with
3 any Federal law enforcement authority in the prior 24
4 months.

5 “(9) If the firearm is a semiautomatic assault weapon
6 (as defined in section 921(a)(30) of this title, as in effect
7 on the date of the enactment of the Violent Crime and
8 Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (Public Law 103–322)) or
9 a large capacity ammunition feeding device—

10 “(A) paragraph (1)(B)(ii) of this subsection
11 shall not apply; and

12 “(B) the system shall not indicate to the trans-
13 feror that the transferor may proceed with the
14 transfer unless the Attorney General has verified the
15 truthfulness of the written responses given by such
16 other person to the questions referred to in para-
17 graph (8) of this subsection.

18 “(10) If a licensed importer, licensed manufacturer,
19 or licensed dealer has presented the prospective transferee
20 of a semiautomatic assault weapon or large capacity am-
21 munition feeding device with the questions referred to in
22 paragraph (8), and the prospective transferee refuses or
23 fails to answer the questions in writing, the licensee shall
24 submit to the Attorney General such information as the

- 1 prospective transferee has provided for further review or
- 2 investigation.”.

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