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# S. 2209

To revise various laws that interfere with the right of the people to obtain and use firearms for all lawful purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CRAPO introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

To revise various laws that interfere with the right of the people to obtain and use firearms for all lawful purposes.

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 “Lawful Purpose and  
5 Self Defense Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF AUTHORITY TO RECLASSIFY POP-**  
7 **ULAR RIFLE AMMUNITION AS “ARMOR PIERC-**  
8 **ING AMMUNITION”.**

9 Section 921(a)(17) of title 18, United States Code,  
10 is amended—

1 (1) in subparagraph (B)—

2 (A) in clause (i), by striking “may be  
3 used” and inserting “is designed and intended  
4 by the manufacturer or importer for use”; and

5 (B) in clause (ii), by inserting “by the  
6 manufacturer or importer” before “for use”;  
7 and

8 (2) in subparagraph (C), by striking “the At-  
9 torney General finds is primarily intended to be used  
10 for sporting purposes” and inserting “is primarily  
11 intended by the manufacturer or importer to be used  
12 in a rifle or shotgun, a handgun projectile that is de-  
13 signed and intended by the manufacturer or im-  
14 porter to be used for hunting, recreational, or com-  
15 petitive shooting”.

16 **SEC. 3. ELIMINATION OF RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTATION**  
17 **OF NON-NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT FIREARM**  
18 **OR AMMUNITION THAT MAY OTHERWISE BE**  
19 **LAWFULLY POSSESSED AND SOLD IN THE**  
20 **UNITED STATES.**

21 (a) **ELIMINATION OF PROHIBITIONS.**—Section 922 of  
22 title 18, United States Code, is amended—

23 (1) in subsection (a), by striking paragraph (7)  
24 and inserting the following:

1           “(7) for any person to manufacture or import  
2 armor piercing ammunition, unless the manufacture  
3 or importation of the ammunition—

4           “(A) is for the use of the United States,  
5 any department or agency of the United States,  
6 any State, or any department, agency, or polit-  
7 ical subdivision of a State;

8           “(B) is for the purpose of exportation; or

9           “(C) is for the purpose of testing or ex-  
10 perimentation, and has been authorized by the  
11 Attorney General;”;

12           (2) in subsection (l), by striking “925(d) of this  
13 chapter” and inserting “925”; and

14           (3) by striking subsection (r).

15           (b) BROADENING OF EXCEPTIONS.—Section 925 of  
16 title 18, United States Code, is amended—

17           (1) in subsection (a)—

18           (A) in paragraph (3), by striking “deter-  
19 mined” and all that follows through the end  
20 and inserting “intended for the lawful personal  
21 use of such member or club.”; and

22           (B) in paragraph (4), by striking “(A)”  
23 and all that follows through “for the” and in-  
24 serting “intended for the lawful”; and

1           (2) by striking subsections (d), (e), and (f) and  
2           inserting the following:

3           “(d)(1) Not later than 30 days after the Attorney  
4           General receives an application therefor, the Attorney  
5           General shall authorize a firearm or ammunition to be im-  
6           ported or brought into the United States or any possession  
7           thereof if—

8                   “(A) the firearm or ammunition is being im-  
9                   ported or brought in for scientific, research, testing,  
10                  or experimentation purposes;

11                  “(B) the firearm is an unserviceable firearm  
12                  (other than a machine gun as defined in section  
13                  5845(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 that  
14                  is readily restorable to firing condition) imported or  
15                  brought in as a curio or museum piece;

16                  “(C) the firearm is not a firearm as defined in  
17                  section 5845(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of  
18                  1986;

19                  “(D) the ammunition is not armor piercing am-  
20                  munition (as defined in section 921(a)(17)(B) of  
21                  this title), unless subparagraph (A), (E), (F), or (G)  
22                  of this paragraph applies;

23                  “(E) the firearm or ammunition is being im-  
24                  ported or brought in for the use of the United  
25                  States, any department or agency of the United

1 States, any State, or any department, agency, or po-  
2 litical subdivision of a State;

3 “(F) the firearm or ammunition is being im-  
4 ported or brought in for the purpose of exportation;

5 “(G) the firearm or ammunition was previously  
6 taken out of the United States or a possession there-  
7 of by the person who is bringing in the firearm or  
8 ammunition; or

9 “(H) the firearm is a firearm defined as curio  
10 or relic by the Attorney General under section  
11 921(a)(13) of this title.

12 “(2) Not later than 30 days after the Attorney Gen-  
13 eral receives an application therefor, the Attorney General  
14 shall permit the conditional importation or bringing in of  
15 a firearm or ammunition for examination and testing in  
16 connection with the making of a determination as to  
17 whether the importation or bringing in of the firearm or  
18 ammunition will be allowed under this subsection.

19 “(3) The Attorney General shall not authorize, under  
20 this subsection, the importation of any firearm the impor-  
21 tation of which is prohibited by section 922(p).”

1 **SEC. 4. PROTECTION OF SHOTGUNS, SHOTGUN SHELLS,**  
2 **AND LARGE CALIBER RIFLES FROM ARBI-**  
3 **TRARY CLASSIFICATION AS “DESTRUCTIVE**  
4 **DEVICES”.**

5 (a) AMENDMENTS TO THE NATIONAL FIREARMS  
6 ACT.—Section 5845(f) of the National Firearms Act is  
7 amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (2) of the first sentence, by  
9 striking “recognized as particularly suitable for  
10 sporting purposes” and inserting “recognized as  
11 suitable for lawful purposes”; and

12 (2) in the second sentence, by striking “use  
13 solely for sporting purposes” and inserting “use for  
14 sporting purposes”.

15 (b) AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 18, UNITED STATES  
16 CODE.—Section 921(a)(4) of title 18, United States Code,  
17 is amended—

18 (1) in subparagraph (B) of the 1st sentence, by  
19 striking “particularly suitable for sporting” and in-  
20 serting “suitable for lawful”; and

21 (2) in the 2nd sentence, by striking “solely”.

1 **SEC. 5. BROADENING OF THE TEMPORARY INTERSTATE**  
2 **TRANSFER PROVISION TO ALLOW TEM-**  
3 **PORARY TRANSFERS FOR ALL LAWFUL PUR-**  
4 **POSES RATHER THAN JUST FOR “SPORTING**  
5 **PURPOSES”.**

6 Section 922 of title 18, United States Code, is  
7 amended—

8 (1) in subsection (a)—

9 (A) in paragraph (5)(B), by striking  
10 “sporting”; and

11 (B) in paragraph (9), by striking “sport-  
12 ing”; and

13 (2) in subsection (b)(3)(B), by striking “sport-  
14 ing”.

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