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S. 1539

To protect victims of stalking from gun violence.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 12, 2017

Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Ms. HIRONO, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To protect victims of stalking from gun violence.

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 “Protecting Domestic
5 Violence and Stalking Victims Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. ADDITION OF DATING PARTNERS AND INDIVIDUALS**

7 **SUBJECT TO RESTRAINING ORDERS.**

8 (a) DEFINITION.—Section 921(a) of title 18, United
9 States Code, is amended—

10 (1) by striking paragraph (32) and inserting
11 the following:

1 “(32) The term ‘intimate partner’—

2 “(A) means with respect to a person, the spouse
3 of the person, a former spouse of the person, an in-
4 dividual who is a parent of a child of the person, and
5 an individual who cohabitates or has cohabited with
6 the person; and

7 “(B) includes—

8 “(i) a dating partner (as defined in section
9 2266); and

10 “(ii) any other person similarly situated to
11 a spouse who is protected by the domestic or
12 family violence laws of the State or tribal juris-
13 diction in which the injury occurred or where
14 the victim resides.”; and

15 (2) in paragraph (33)(A)(ii)—

16 (A) by inserting “intimate partner,” after
17 “former spouse,”; and

18 (B) by inserting “intimate partner,” after
19 “a spouse,” each place it appears.

20 (b) ADDITION OF STALKING.—Section 922 of title
21 18, United States Code, is amended—

22 (1) in subsection (d)—

23 (A) in paragraph (8)(ii), by striking “or”
24 at the end;

1 (B) in paragraph (9), by striking the pe-
2 riod at the end and inserting “; or”; and

3 (C) by inserting after paragraph (9) the
4 following:

5 “(10) has been convicted in any court of a mis-
6 demeanor crime of stalking.”; and

7 (2) in subsection (g)—

8 (A) in paragraph (8)(C)(ii), by striking
9 “or” at the end;

10 (B) in paragraph (9), by striking the
11 comma at the end and inserting “; or”; and

12 (C) by inserting after paragraph (9) the
13 following:

14 “(10) has been convicted in any court of a mis-
15 demeanor crime of stalking,”.

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