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To enhance penalties for theft of a firearm from a Federal firearms licensee, to establish a Mass Violence Prevention Center, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COLLINS of Georgia (for himself, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. STEUBE, Mr. CLINE, Mr. ARMSTRONG, Mrs. LESKO, Mr. RESCHENTHALER, Mr. WOODALL, Mr. BARR, Mr. MITCHELL, Mr. DAVID P. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. COLLINS of New York, Mr. FLORES, Mr. BACON, Mr. MEADOWS, Mr. STIVERS, Mr. STAUBER, Mr. ESTES, Mr. HUDSON, Mr. SMUCKER, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mr. STEIL, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. YOHO, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. BUDD, and Mrs. WAGNER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To enhance penalties for theft of a firearm from a Federal firearms licensee, to establish a Mass Violence Prevention Center, and for other 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 “The Mass Violence
5 Prevention Act of 2019” or the “MVP Act of 2019”.

1 **TITLE I—FEDERAL FIREARMS**
2 **LICENSEE PROTECTION**

3 **SEC. 101. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This title may be cited as the “Federal Firearms Li-
5 censee Protection Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 102. AMENDMENTS TO ENHANCE CERTAIN PENALTIES.**

7 Section 924 of title 18, United States Code, is
8 amended—

9 (1) by striking subsection (i) and inserting the
10 following:

11 “(i)(1)(A) A person who knowingly violates section
12 922(u), or attempts to do so, shall be fined under this
13 title, imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both.

14 “(B) In the case of a violation described in subpara-
15 graph (A) that occurs during the commission of—

16 “(i) a burglary, the term of imprisonment shall
17 be not less than 3 years; or

18 “(ii) a robbery, the term of imprisonment shall
19 be not less than 5 years.

20 “(2) In this subsection—

21 “(A) the term ‘burglary’ means the unlawful
22 entry into, or remaining in, the business premises of
23 a licensed importer, licensed manufacturer, or li-
24 censed dealer with the intent to commit a crime; and

1 “(B) the term ‘robbery’ has the meaning given
2 the term in section 1951(b).”; and

3 (2) in subsection (m), by inserting “or attempts
4 to do so,” after “or licensed collector”.

5 **SEC. 103. CRIME OF VIOLENCE.**

6 (a) AMENDMENT TO THE DEFINITION OF CRIME OF
7 VIOLENCE.—Section 924(c)(3)(B) of title 18, United
8 States Code, is amended—

9 (1) by striking “by its nature, involves” and in-
10 serting “, based on the facts underlying the offense,
11 involved”; and

12 (2) by striking “may be used” and inserting
13 “may have been used”.

14 (b) APPLICATION.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by
16 this section shall apply to any offense committed on
17 or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

18 (2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—The amend-
19 ments made by this section shall not be construed to
20 create any right to challenge a sentence imposed be-
21 fore the date of the enactment of this Act under sec-
22 tion 924 of title 18, United States Code.

TITLE II—MASS VIOLENCE PREVENTION CENTER

SEC. 201. MASS VIOLENCE PREVENTION CENTER.

Part G of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10211 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 702. MASS VIOLENCE PREVENTION CENTER.

“(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the Department of Justice a Mass Violence Prevention Center, which shall be supervised by the Director of Mass Violence Prevention (in this section referred to as the ‘Director’), who shall be appointed by the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation with the approval of the President.

“(b) AUTHORITY OF FBI DIRECTOR.—The Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall have authority, direction, and control over the Mass Violence Prevention Center and the Director of Mass Violence Prevention.

“(c) REPORTING.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this section, and annually thereafter, the Director shall submit a report to the Attorney General with respect to the following matters:

“(1) The budget and programs of the Mass Violence Prevention Center.

“(2) The activities of the Director under subsection (f).

1 “(3) The conduct of intelligence operations im-
2 plemented by other elements of the intelligence com-
3 munity.

4 “(d) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Mass Violence
5 Prevention Center shall be as follows:

6 “(1) To serve as the primary organization in
7 the United States Government for analyzing and in-
8 tegrating all intelligence possessed or acquired by
9 the United States Government pertaining to threats
10 of mass violence.

11 “(2) To conduct strategic operational planning
12 for mass violence prevention, integrating all instru-
13 ments of Federal, State, and local law enforcement.

14 “(3) To recommend roles and responsibilities to
15 Federal, State, and local law enforcement partners
16 as part of its strategic operational planning duties to
17 lead departments or agencies, as appropriate, for
18 mass violence prevention that are consistent with ap-
19 plicable law and that support strategic operational
20 plans for mass violence prevention.

21 “(4) To ensure that Federal, State, and local
22 law enforcement agencies, have access to and receive
23 all-source intelligence support needed to execute
24 plans to prevent mass violence or perform inde-

1 pendent, alternative analysis on threats of mass vio-
2 lence, or for other purposes, as appropriate.

3 “(5) To serve as the central and shared knowl-
4 edge bank on known and suspected perpetrators of
5 mass violence, as well as the perpetrator’s goals,
6 strategies, capabilities, and networks of contacts and
7 support.

8 “(e) DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIREC-
9 TOR.—The Director shall—

10 “(1) provide strategic operational plans for
11 mass violence prevention efforts of the United States
12 Government and for the effective integration of mass
13 violence intelligence and operations across agency
14 boundaries;

15 “(2) advise the Attorney General on the extent
16 to which the mass violence prevention program rec-
17 ommendations and budget proposals of the depart-
18 ments, agencies, and elements of the United States
19 Government conform to the priorities established by
20 the President.

21 “(3) disseminate mass violence threat informa-
22 tion, including a current mass violence threat anal-
23 ysis, to the President, the Vice President, the Attor-
24 ney General, the Secretary of Homeland Security,
25 and other officials of the executive branch as appro-

1 appropriate, and to the appropriate committees of Con-
2 gress;

3 “(4) support the Department of Justice, and
4 other appropriate agencies, in fulfillment of their re-
5 sponsibilities to disseminate mass violence threat in-
6 formation, consistent with applicable law, Executive
7 orders, and other Presidential guidance to State and
8 local government officials, and other entities, and co-
9 ordinate dissemination of mass violence threat infor-
10 mation to State and local law enforcement agencies
11 as approved by the Attorney General;

12 “(5) consistent with priorities approved by the
13 President, establish requirements for the intelligence
14 community for the collection of mass violence threat
15 information; and

16 “(6) perform such other duties as the Attorney
17 General may prescribe or are prescribed by law.

18 “(f) RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES.—The Attorney Gen-
19 eral shall resolve disagreements between the Mass Violence
20 Prevention Center and the head of a department, agency,
21 or element of the United States Government on designa-
22 tions, assignments, plans, or responsibilities under this
23 section. The head of such a department, agency, or ele-
24 ment may appeal the resolution of the disagreement by
25 the Attorney General to the President.”.

1 **TITLE III—ADDITIONAL UNITED**
2 **STATES ATTORNEYS FOR**
3 **PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBOR-**
4 **HOODS**

5 **SEC. 301. ADDITIONAL ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTOR-**
6 **NEYS.**

7 There are authorized to be appropriated for each of
8 fiscal years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024,
9 \$10,000,000 for the appointment of not fewer than 50 as-
10 sistant United States attorneys in such districts as the
11 Attorney General determines appropriate, based on the in-
12 cidence of firearms-related violence. The duties of any as-
13 sistant United States attorney appointed under this sec-
14 tion shall, for fiscal years 2020 through 2024, consist sole-
15 ly of assisting in the implementation of Project Safe
16 Neighborhoods in that district.

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