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H. R. 952

To enact into law a framework for deciding whether certain projectiles are “primarily intended for sporting purposes” for purposes of determining whether the projectiles are armor piercing ammunition.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 4, 2019

Mr. ENGEL (for himself, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. COHEN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. HASTINGS, and Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN) 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 “Armor-Piercing Bullets
5 Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. FRAMEWORK FOR DECIDING WHETHER CERTAIN**
2 **PROJECTILES ARE “PRIMARILY INTENDED**
3 **FOR SPORTING PURPOSES” FOR PURPOSES**
4 **OF DETERMINING WHETHER THE PROJEC-**
5 **TILES ARE ARMOR PIERCING AMMUNITION.**

6 Section 921(a)(17) of title 18, United States Code,
7 is amended by adding at the end the following:

8 “(D)(i) For purposes of subparagraph (C), a .22 cal-
9 iber projectile that otherwise would be armor piercing am-
10 munition shall be considered to be primarily intended to
11 be used for sporting purposes if the projectile weighs 40
12 grains or less and is loaded into a rimfire cartridge.

13 “(ii)(I)(aa) Except as provided in clause (i), a projec-
14 tile that otherwise would be armor piercing ammunition
15 shall, for purposes of subparagraph (C), be considered to
16 be primarily intended to be used for sporting purpose if
17 the projectile is loaded into a cartridge for which the only
18 handgun that is readily available in the ordinary channels
19 of commercial trade is a single shot handgun, subject to
20 subclause (II).

21 “(bb) In subclause (aa), the term ‘single shot hand-
22 gun’ means a break-open or bolt action handgun that can
23 accept only a single cartridge manually, and does not ac-
24 cept or use a magazine or other ammunition feeding de-
25 vice, but does not include a pocket pistol or derringer-type
26 firearm.

1 “(II) For purposes of subparagraph (C), the Attorney
2 General may treat a projectile as not primarily intended
3 to be used for sporting purposes if substantial evidence
4 exists that the projectile is not primarily intended to be
5 used for sporting purposes.”.

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