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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. BISHOP of Utah introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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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”.

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

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

6 (1) in subparagraph (B)(i), by striking “may be  
7 used” and inserting “is designed and intended by  
8 the manufacturer or importer for use”;

9 (2) in subparagraph (B)(ii), by inserting “by  
10 the manufacturer or importer” before “for use”; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 (3) by striking subsection (r).

17 (b) BROADENING OF EXCEPTIONS.—Section 925 of  
18 such title is amended—

19 (1) in subsection (a)(3), by striking “deter-  
20 mined” and all that follows through the end and in-  
21 serting “intended for the lawful personal use of such  
22 member or club.”;

23 (2) in subsection (a)(4), by striking “(A)” and  
24 all that follows through “for the” and inserting “in-  
25 tended for the lawful”; and

1           (3) by striking subsections (d) through (f) and  
2           inserting the following:

3           “(d)(1) Within 30 days after the Attorney General  
4           receives an application therefor, the Attorney General  
5           shall authorize a firearm or ammunition to be imported  
6           or brought into the United States or any possession there-  
7           of 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          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) Within 30 days after the Attorney General re-  
13 ceives an application therefor, the Attorney General shall  
14 permit the conditional importation or bringing in of a fire-  
15 arm or ammunition for examination and testing in connec-  
16 tion with the making of a determination as to whether  
17 the importation or bringing in of the firearm or ammuni-  
18 tion 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), by striking “recognized as  
9 particularly suitable for sporting purposes” and in-  
10 serting “recognized as suitable for lawful purposes”;  
11 and

12 (2) by striking “use solely for sporting pur-  
13 poses” and inserting “use for sporting purposes”.

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

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

20 (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 in each of subsections (a)(5)(B), (a)(9), and  
8 (b)(3)(B), by striking “sporting”.