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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ANDREWS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on the Judiciary

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## 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 “Gun Ballistics Safety  
5 Act of 2001”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL FIREARMS BALLISTICS DATABASE.**

2 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Director of the Bureau  
3 of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (in this section referred  
4 to as the “Director”) shall establish an electronic database  
5 designed to contain information on the ballistic character-  
6 istics of firearms, which shall be known as the “National  
7 Firearms Ballistics Database”.

8 (b) FIREARMS BALLISTICS INFORMATION REQUIRE-  
9 MENT.—The Director shall, by regulation, prescribe the  
10 type of ballistics information required by section 922(z)  
11 of title 18, United States Code, to be provided to the Na-  
12 tional Firearms Ballistics Database, and the form and  
13 manner in which the information is to be so provided.

14 (c) USE OF DATABASE INFORMATION.—The Director  
15 shall ensure that the information in the National Firearms  
16 Ballistics Database is made available, on request, to any  
17 law enforcement agency or law enforcement officer.

18 (d) NOTICE.—On establishment of the National Fire-  
19 arms Ballistics Database, the Director shall notify each  
20 licensed manufacturer and the chief law enforcement offi-  
21 cer of each State of the establishment.

22 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

23 (1) FIREARM.—The term “firearm” has the  
24 meaning given in section 921(a)(3) of title 18,  
25 United States Code.

1           (2) FIREARM MANUFACTURER.—The term  
2           “firearm manufacturer” means any person who  
3           manufactures a firearm.

4           (3) LICENSED MANUFACTURER.—The term “li-  
5           censed manufacturer” has the meaning given in sec-  
6           tion 921(a)(10) of title 18, United States Code.

7           (4) STATE.—The term “State” has the mean-  
8           ing given in section 921(a)(2) of title 18, United  
9           States Code.

10 **SEC. 3. REQUIREMENT THAT FIREARM MANUFACTURER**  
11                           **OBTAIN AND PROVIDE BALLISTICS INFORMA-**  
12                           **TION TO THE NATIONAL FIREARMS BALLIS-**  
13                           **TICS DATABASE.**

14           (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 922 of title 18, United  
15 States Code, is amended by inserting after subsection (y)  
16 the following:

17           “(z) Within 30 days after a person manufactures a  
18 firearm, the person shall provide to the National Firearms  
19 Ballistics Database the ballistics information prescribed  
20 under section 2(b) of the Gun Ballistics Safety Act of  
21 2001 with respect to the firearm.”.

22           (b) PENALTIES.—

23           (1) CRIMINAL PENALTIES.—Section 924(a) of  
24 such title is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
25 lowing:

1       “(7) Whoever knowingly violates section 922(z) shall  
2 be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 20  
3 years, or both.”.

4           (2) LICENSE REVOCATION.—Section 923(e) of  
5 such title is amended by inserting after the 2nd sen-  
6 tence the following: “The Secretary shall, after no-  
7 tice and opportunity for hearing, revoke any license  
8 issued under this section if the Secretary determines  
9 that the holder of the license has violated section  
10 922(z).”.

11       (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
12 this section shall apply to conduct engaged in after the  
13 30-day period that begins with the date of the enactment  
14 of this Act.

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