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H. R. 9979

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BOEBERT (for herself, Mrs. BIGGS of South Carolina, Mr. CLOUD, and Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Freedom to Ship Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DISCRIMINATION AGAINST FIREARMS SHIPPERS OR**
2 **TRANSPORTERS PROHIBITED.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 149 of title 49, United
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing:

6 **“§ 14917. Interference with lawful transportation of**
7 **arms**

8 “(a) VIOLATION RELATING TO INTERFERENCE WITH
9 THE LAWFUL TRANSPORTATION OF ARMS.—A motor car-
10 rier shall not interfere with the lawful transportation of
11 firearms, ammunition, or component parts of a firearm
12 or ammunition from a place in a State, the District of
13 Columbia, or a territory or possession of the United States
14 through or to a place in another State, the District of Co-
15 lumbia, or a territory or possession, including by know-
16 ingly—

17 “(1) declining to transport firearms, ammuni-
18 tion, or component parts of a firearm or ammunition
19 that are lawfully possessed by the shipper and can
20 lawfully be transported by the motor carrier;

21 “(2) imposing conditions on the transportation
22 of firearms, ammunition, or component parts of a
23 firearm or ammunition that are not required by sec-
24 tion 922 of title 18, United States Code, and have
25 the effect of restricting the ability of a person in
26 lawful possession of such a product to transfer or

1 dispose of the same to another person in a manner
2 not prohibited by law;

3 “(3) charging more for the transportation of
4 firearms, ammunition, or component parts of a fire-
5 arm or ammunition than the motor carrier charges
6 for the transportation of other objects of a similar
7 size, weight, and hazard class;

8 “(4) requiring the consent of a shipper or con-
9 signee to the disclosure of information protected
10 under section 14908 of this chapter as a condition
11 of agreeing to transport firearms, ammunition, or
12 component parts of a firearm or ammunition; or

13 “(5) engaging in any other like conduct which
14 has the effect of interfering with the ability of a per-
15 son to direct the shipment of firearms, ammunition,
16 or component parts of a firearm or ammunition to
17 another person in furtherance of a lawful transfer or
18 disposition.

19 “(b) CIVIL PENALTIES AND PRIVATE CAUSE OF AC-
20 TION.—Any person who knowingly violates or authorizes,
21 consents to, or permits, directly or indirectly, either alone
22 or in conjunction with any other person, a violation of sub-
23 section (a) is liable—

1 “(1) to the United States Government for a
2 civil penalty in the amount of \$10,000 for each vio-
3 lation; and

4 “(2) to a shipper or consignee who has been
5 harmed by such violation for all compensatory and
6 consequential damages suffered by such shipper or
7 consignee.

8 “(c) ACTIONS OF AGENTS AND EMPLOYEES.—When
9 acting in the scope of their employment, the actions and
10 omissions of persons acting for or employed by a motor
11 carrier that is subject to this section are considered to be
12 the actions and omissions of such motor carrier as well
13 as such person.

14 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15 “(1) AMMUNITION.—The term ‘ammunition’
16 has the meaning given such term in section
17 921(a)(17)(A) of title 18.

18 “(2) COMPONENT PARTS OF FIREARM OR AM-
19 MUNITION.—The term ‘component part of firearm or
20 ammunition’ means a component part of, or an ac-
21 cessory intended for use with, a firearm or ammuni-
22 tion, including ammunition magazines or clips, opti-
23 cal devices, or other products intended to be in-
24 cluded in, attached to, or used while attached to, or
25 in conjunction with, a firearm or ammunition.

1 “(3) FIREARMS.—The term ‘firearm’ has the
2 meaning given such term in subparagraph (A), (B),
3 or (C) of section 921(a)(3) of title 18, including any
4 antique firearm (as such term is defined in section
5 921(a)(16) of such title).”.

6 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
7 ter 14917 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by
8 adding at the end the following:

 “14917. Interference with lawful transportation of arms.”.

9 (c) REPEAL.—Section 1715 of chapter 83 of title 18,
10 United States Code (and the item relating to such section
11 in the analysis of such chapter), is repealed.

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