SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2019”.

SEC. 2. STRENGTHENING OF BACKGROUND CHECK PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED BEFORE A FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSEE MAY TRANSFER A FIREARM TO A PERSON WHO IS NOT SUCH A LICENSEE.

Section 922(t)(1)(B)(ii) of title 18, United States Code is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking clause (ii) and inserting the following:

“(ii) in the event the system has not notified the licensee that the receipt of a firearm by such other person would violate subsection (g) or (n) of this section—

“(I) not fewer than 10 business days (meaning a day on which State offices are
open) has elapsed since the licensee contacted
the system, and the system has not notified the
licensee that the receipt of a firearm by such
other person would violate subsection (g) or (n)
of this section, and the other person has sub-
mitted, electronically through a website estab-
lished by the Attorney General or by first-class
mail, a petition for review which—

“(aa) certifies that such other person
has no reason to believe that such other
person is prohibited by Federal, State, or
local law from purchasing or possessing a
firearm; and

“(bb) requests that the system re-
spend to the contact referred to in sub-
paragraph (A) within 10 business days
after the date the petition was submitted
(or, if the petition is submitted by first-
class mail, the date the letter containing
the petition is postmarked); and

“(II) 10 business days have elapsed since
the other person so submitted the petition, and
the system has not notified the licensee that the
receipt of a firearm by such other person would
violate subsection (g) or (n) of this section; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(7) The Attorney General shall—

“(A) prescribe the form on which a petition shall be submitted pursuant to paragraph (1)(B)(ii);

“(B) make the form available electronically, and provide a copy of the form to all licensees referred to in paragraph (1);

“(C) provide the petitioner and the licensee involved written notice of receipt of the petition, either electronically or by first-class mail; and

“(D) respond on an expedited basis to any such petition received by the Attorney General.”.

SEC. 3. NEW TERMINOLOGY FOR THOSE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS.

Section 922 of title 18, United States Code, is amended in each of subsections (d)(4) and (g)(4) by striking “adjudicated as a mental defective” and inserting “adjudicated with mental illness, severe developmental disability, or severe emotional instability”.

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