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RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-6
TEXT OF H.R. 1112, ENHANCED BACKGROUND
CHECKS ACT OF 2019

[Showing the text of H.R. 1112 as ordered reported by the
Committee on the Judiciary]

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

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

4 **SEC. 2. STRENGTHENING OF BACKGROUND CHECK PROCE-**
5 **DURES TO BE FOLLOWED BEFORE A FED-**
6 **ERAL FIREARMS LICENSEE MAY TRANSFER A**
7 **FIREARM TO A PERSON WHO IS NOT SUCH A**
8 **LICENSEE.**

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

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

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

17 “(I) not fewer than 10 business days
18 (meaning a day on which State offices are

1 open) has elapsed since the licensee contacted
2 the system, and the system has not notified the
3 licensee that the receipt of a firearm by such
4 other person would violate subsection (g) or (n)
5 of this section, and the other person has sub-
6 mitted, electronically through a website estab-
7 lished by the Attorney General or by first-class
8 mail, a petition for review which—

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

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

21 “(II) 10 business days have elapsed since
22 the other person so submitted the petition, and
23 the system has not notified the licensee that the
24 receipt of a firearm by such other person would

1 violate subsection (g) or (n) of this section;
2 and”; and

3 (2) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(7) The Attorney General shall—

5 “(A) prescribe the form on which a peti-
6 tion shall be submitted pursuant to paragraph
7 (1)(B)(ii);

8 “(B) make the form available electroni-
9 cally, and provide a copy of the form to all li-
10 censees referred to in paragraph (1);

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

14 “(D) respond on an expedited basis to any
15 such petition received by the Attorney Gen-
16 eral.”.

17 **SEC. 3. NEW TERMINOLOGY FOR THOSE WITH MENTAL ILL-**
18 **NESS.**

19 Section 922 of title 18, United States Code, is
20 amended in each of subsections (d)(4) and (g)(4) by strik-
21 ing “adjudicated as a mental defective” and inserting “ad-
22 judicated with mental illness, severe developmental dis-
23 ability, or severe emotional instability”.

