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To better regulate the transfer of firearms at gun shows.

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Mr. BLAGOJEVICH (for himself, Mr. CASTLE of Delaware, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. CONYERS of Michigan, Ms. LOFGREN of California, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. MCGOVERN of Massachusetts, and Mr. NADLER of New York) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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. REGULATION OF GUN SHOWS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 923 of title 18, United
5 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the follow-
6 ing:

7 “(m)(1) A person shall not hold a gun show unless—

8 “(A) the person is licensed to do so under this
9 subsection; and

1 “(B) at least 30 days have elapsed since the
2 person, using a form which shall be prescribed by
3 the Secretary, has notified the Secretary and the
4 chief law enforcement officer of the postal address
5 and the dates and times at which the gun show is
6 to be held.

7 “(2) A person desiring to be licensed to hold a gun
8 show shall submit to the Secretary an application which—

9 “(A) contains a certification by the applicant
10 that—

11 “(i) the applicant meets the requirements
12 of subparagraphs (A) through (D) of subsection
13 (d)(1); and

14 “(ii) any gun show to be conducted under
15 the license is not prohibited by State or local
16 law, and will be conducted in accordance with
17 the requirements of State and local law;

18 “(B) contains a photograph and fingerprints of
19 the applicant; and

20 “(C) is in such form as the Secretary shall by
21 regulation prescribe.

22 “(3)(A) The Secretary shall approve an application
23 submitted pursuant to paragraph (2) which meets the re-
24 quirements of paragraph (2). On approval of the applica-
25 tion and payment by the applicant of such fee as the Sec-

1 retary shall establish to ensure that the fees collected
2 under this subsection are sufficient to cover the costs of
3 issuing licenses under this subsection, the Secretary shall
4 issue to the applicant a license which, subject to the provi-
5 sions of this chapter and other applicable provisions of
6 law, entitles the licensee to hold gun shows in interstate
7 or foreign commerce during the 3-year period that begins
8 with the date the license is issued.

9 “(B) The Secretary shall approve or deny an applica-
10 tion submitted under paragraph (2) within 60 days after
11 the Secretary receives the application. If the Secretary
12 fails to so act within such period, the applicant may bring
13 an action under section 1361 of title 28 to compel the
14 Secretary to so act.

15 “(4)(A) Before a person not licensed under this sec-
16 tion transfers a firearm at a gun show—

17 “(i) the person shall provide to the holder of the
18 gun show written notice of—

19 “(I) the name, age, and address of the per-
20 son and of the prospective transferee (or, in the
21 case of a party who is a corporation or other
22 business entity, the identity and principal and
23 local places of business of such party);

24 “(II) the serial number, make, and model
25 of the firearm; and

1 “(III) the date and location of the trans-
2 fer; and

3 “(ii) the holder of a gun show shall comply with
4 the requirements imposed on licensed dealers by sec-
5 tion 922(t) and subsections (g)(1)(A) and (g)(3)(A)
6 of this section with respect to the transfer.

7 “(B) Within 30 days after the end of a gun show
8 for which a license is issued under this subsection, the li-
9 censee shall deliver to the Secretary all records or docu-
10 ments which the licensee collected pursuant to subpara-
11 graph (A) during the gun show.

12 “(5) For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘gun
13 show’ means an event or function that is—

14 “(A) sponsored by—

15 “(i) a national, State, or local organization
16 devoted to the collection, competitive use, or
17 other sporting use of firearms; or

18 “(ii) an organization or association that
19 sponsors functions devoted to the collection,
20 competitive use, or other sporting use of fire-
21 arms in the community; and

22 “(B) held at a location—

23 “(i) which is not specified in any li-
24 cense issued under subsection (b) or (c);

1 “(ii) at which a firearm is offered for
2 sale or transfer; and
3 “(iii) at which 50 or more firearms
4 are present, 1 or more of which has been
5 shipped or transported in interstate or for-
6 eign commerce.”.

7 (b) PENALTIES.—Section 924(a) of such title is
8 amended by adding at the end the following:

9 “(7)(A) Whoever knowingly violates section
10 923(m)(1) shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not
11 more than 5 years, or both.

12 “(B) Whoever knowingly violates subparagraph (A)(i)
13 or (B) of section 923(m)(4) shall be fined under this title,
14 imprisoned not more than 1 year, or both.

15 “(C) Whoever violates section 923(m)(4)(A)(ii) by
16 knowingly failing to comply with a provision of law speci-
17 fied in such section shall be punished as otherwise pro-
18 vided under this section for knowingly violating the provi-
19 sion of law.”.

20 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
21 this section shall apply to conduct engaged in after the
22 1-year period that begins with the date of the enactment
23 of this Act.

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