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H. R. 476

To prohibit the possession or transfer of non-sporting handguns.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GUTIERREZ (for himself, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. FILNER, Mr. WYNN, Mr. MILLER of California, Mr. STARK, Mr. SABO, Mr. NADLER, Mr. YATES, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. DELLUMS, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. NORTON, Ms. PELOSI, and Mr. ENGEL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To prohibit the possession or transfer of non-sporting
handguns.

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. PROHIBITION AGAINST POSSESSION OR TRANS-**
4 **FER OF NON-SPORTING HANDGUNS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 922 of title 18, United
6 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
7 following:

1 “(y)(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to possess
2 or transfer a non-sporting handgun which has been
3 shipped or transported in interstate or foreign commerce.

4 “(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply to the continuous
5 and otherwise lawful possession of a non-sporting handgun
6 by a person during any period that began before the effec-
7 tive date of this subsection.”.

8 (b) NON-SPORTING HANDGUN DEFINED.—Section
9 921(a) of such title is amended by adding at the end the
10 following:

11 “(34)(A) The term ‘non-sporting handgun’ means a
12 firearm which—

13 “(i)(I) is designed to be fired by the use of a
14 single hand; and

15 “(II) is not a sporting handgun; and

16 “(ii) any combination of parts from which a
17 firearm described in clause (i) can be assembled.

18 “(B) The term ‘sporting handgun’ means a firearm
19 which—

20 “(i) is designed to be fired by the use of a sin-
21 gle hand; and

22 “(ii) the Secretary has determined, using the
23 criteria applied in making determinations under sec-
24 tion 925(d)(3), to be of a type generally recognized

1 as particularly suitable for or readily adaptable to
2 sporting purposes.”.

3 (c) PENALTY.—Section 924(a)(1)(B) of such title is
4 amended by inserting “or (y)” before “of”.

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