

105TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 959

To amend title 18, United States Code, to restrict the mail-order sale of
body armor.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 5, 1997

Mr. STUPAK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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order sale of body armor.

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 “James Guelff Body
5 Armor Act of 1997”.

6 **SEC. 2. UNLAWFUL MAIL-ORDER SALE OF BODY ARMOR.**

7 Title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding
8 at the end the following new chapter:

9 **“CHAPTER 44A-BODY ARMOR**

“Sec.

“941. Unlawful acts.”.

1 **“§ 941. Unlawful acts**

2 “(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this sec-
3 tion, it shall be unlawful for a person to sell or deliver
4 body armor unless the transferee meets in person with the
5 transferor to accomplish the sale, delivery, and receipt of
6 the matter.

7 “(b) Subsection (a) does not apply to body armor
8 used by law enforcement officers.

9 “(c) As used in this section—

10 “(1) the term ‘body armor’ means any product
11 sold or offered for sale as personal protective body
12 covering whether the product is to be worn alone or
13 is sold as a complement to other products or gar-
14 ments; and

15 “(2) the term ‘law enforcement officer’ means
16 any officer, agent, or employee of the United States,
17 a State, or a political subdivision of a State, author-
18 ized by law or by a government agency to engage in
19 or supervise the prevention, detection, investigation,
20 or prosecution of any violation of criminal law.”.

21 “(d) Whoever knowingly violates this section shall be
22 fined under this title or imprisoned not more than two
23 years, or both.”.

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