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# H. R. 3020

To make illegal the sale of guns, ammunition, or explosives between private individuals over the Internet.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CROWLEY (for himself, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. LARSON, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. MENDENDEZ, Ms. PELOSI, and Mr. HOEFFEL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Electronic Commerce  
5 Crime Prevention and Protection Act”.

### 6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITIONS ON USES OF THE INTERNET.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 44 of title 18, United  
8 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
9 lowing:

1 **“§ 931. Prohibition on using the internet to obtain or**  
2 **dispose of a firearm, ammunition, or ex-**  
3 **plosives**

4 “(a)(1) It shall be unlawful for any person, in a cir-  
5 cumstance described in paragraph (2), to knowingly make,  
6 print, or publish, or cause to be made, printed, or pub-  
7 lished, any notice or advertisement seeking or offering to  
8 receive, exchange, buy, sell, produce, distribute, or trans-  
9 fer a firearm, ammunition, or explosive materials (as de-  
10 fined in section 841(c)).

11 “(2) The circumstance referred to in paragraph (1)  
12 is that—

13 “(A) the person knows or has reason to believe  
14 that the notice or advertisement will be transported  
15 in interstate or foreign commerce by computer; or

16 “(B) the notice or advertisement is transported  
17 in interstate or foreign commerce by computer.

18 “(b) Whoever violates, or attempts or conspires to  
19 violate, subsection (a) shall be fined under this title, im-  
20 prisoned not less than 5 years, or both.”.

21 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The section analysis  
22 for such chapter is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
23 lowing:

“931. Prohibition on using the internet to obtain or dispose of a firearm, ammu-  
nition, or explosives.”.

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