

106TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 3279

To prohibit the possession of a firearm in a hospital zone.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 9, 1999

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

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## A BILL

To prohibit the possession of a firearm in a hospital zone.

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 ON THE POSSESSION OF A FIRE-**  
4       **ARM IN A HOSPITAL ZONE.**

5       (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 922 of title 18, United  
6       States Code, is amended by inserting after subsection (y)  
7       the following:

8       “(z)(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to possess  
9       a firearm that has been shipped or transported in inter-  
10      state or foreign commerce, in a place that the person  
11      knows or has reasonable cause to believe is in a hospital  
12      zone.

1 “(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply to the possession  
2 of a firearm—

3 “(A) on private property that is not on the  
4 grounds of any hospital;

5 “(B) on public property outside any building or  
6 enclosed structure, if the individual possessing the  
7 firearm is licensed to do so by the State or political  
8 subdivision in which the hospital zone is located, and  
9 the law of the State or political subdivision requires  
10 that, before an individual obtains such a license, the  
11 law enforcement authorities of the State or political  
12 subdivision verify that the individual is qualified  
13 under law to receive the license;

14 “(C) by an individual in accordance with a con-  
15 tract entered into between the owner of a hospital in  
16 the hospital zone and the individual or an employer  
17 of the individual; or

18 “(D) by a law enforcement officer acting in his  
19 or her official capacity.

20 (b) DEFINITIONS.—Section 921(a) of such title is  
21 amended by adding at the end the following:

22 “(35) The term ‘hospital zone’ means—

23 “(A) in or on the grounds of a public or private  
24 hospital; or

1 “(B) within 1,000 feet from the grounds of a  
2 public or private hospital.

3 “(36) The term ‘hospital’ means an institution  
4 which—

5 “(A) is primarily engaged in providing, by or  
6 under the supervision of physicians, to inpatients—

7 “(i) diagnostic services and therapeutic  
8 services for medical diagnosis, treatment and  
9 care of injured, disabled or sick persons; or

10 “(ii) rehabilitation services for the rehabili-  
11 tation of injured, disabled or sick persons; or

12 “(B) in the case of an institution in a State in  
13 which State or applicable local law provides for the  
14 licensing of hospitals—

15 “(i) is licensed pursuant to such law; or

16 “(ii) is approved, by the agency of the  
17 State or locality responsible for licensing hos-  
18 pitals, as meeting the standards established for  
19 such licensing.”.

20 (c) PENALTIES.—Section 924(a) of such title is  
21 amended by adding at the end the following:

22 “(7) Whoever knowingly violates section 922(z) shall  
23 be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 5  
24 years, or both. Notwithstanding any other provision of  
25 law, a term of imprisonment imposed under this para-

- 1 graph shall not run concurrently with any other term of
- 2 imprisonment imposed under any other provision of law.”.

