

106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 35

To prohibit the possession or transfer of junk guns, also known as Saturday Night Specials.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 6, 1999

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

A BILL

To prohibit the possession or transfer of junk guns, also known as Saturday Night Specials.

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 JUNK GUNS, ALSO KNOWN AS SATUR-**
5 **DAY NIGHT SPECIALS.**

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

1 “(y)(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to possess
 2 or transfer a junk gun which has been shipped or trans-
 3 ported in interstate or foreign commerce.

4 “(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply to the continuous
 5 and otherwise lawful possession of a junk gun by a person
 6 during any period that began before the effective date of
 7 this subsection.”.

8 (b) JUNK GUN DEFINED.—Section 921(a) of such
 9 title is amended by adding at the end the following:

10 “(34)(A) The term ‘junk gun’ means—

11 “(i) a handgun that is not a sporting handgun;
 12 and

13 “(ii) any combination of parts from which a
 14 handgun described in clause (i) can be assembled.

15 “(B) The term ‘sporting handgun’ means a handgun
 16 which the Secretary has determined, using the criteria ap-
 17 plied in making determinations under section 925(d)(3),
 18 to be of a type generally recognized as particularly suitable
 19 for or readily adaptable to sporting purposes.”.

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

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