

106TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 156

To amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the manufacture, transfer, or importation of .25 caliber and .32 caliber and 9 millimeter ammunition.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 19, 1999

Mr. MOYNIHAN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 “Violent Crime Reduc-  
5 tion Act of 1999”.

6 **SEC. 2. UNLAWFUL ACTS.**

7 Section 922(a) of title 18, United States Code, is  
8 amended—

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1           (1) in paragraph (7), by striking “and” at the  
2       end;

3           (2) in paragraph (8), by striking the period and  
4       inserting a semicolon; and

5           (3) by adding at the end the following:

6           “(9) for any person to manufacture, transfer,  
7       or import .25 or .32 caliber or 9 millimeter ammuni-  
8       tion, except that this paragraph shall not apply to—

9           “(A) the manufacture or importation of  
10       such ammunition for the use of the United  
11       States or any department or agency thereof or  
12       any State or any department, agency, or politi-  
13       cal subdivision thereof; and

14          “(B) any manufacture or importation for  
15       testing or for experimenting authorized by the  
16       Secretary; and

17          “(10) for any manufacturer or importer to sell  
18       or deliver .25 or .32 caliber or 9 millimeter ammuni-  
19       tion, except that this paragraph shall not apply to—

20          “(A) the sale or delivery by a manufac-  
21       turer or importer of such ammunition for the  
22       use of the United States or any department or  
23       agency thereof or any State or any department,  
24       agency, or political subdivision thereof; and

1 “(B) the sale or delivery by a manufac-  
 2 turer or importer of such ammunition for test-  
 3 ing or for experimenting authorized by the Sec-  
 4 retary.”.

5 **SEC. 3. LICENSING OF DESTRUCTIVE DEVICES.**

6 Section 923(a)(1)(A) of title 18, United States Code,  
 7 is amended to read as follows:

8 “(A) of destructive devices, ammunition for  
 9 destructive devices, armor piercing ammunition,  
 10 or .25 or .32 caliber or 9 millimeter ammuni-  
 11 tion, a fee of \$1,000 per year;”.

12 **SEC. 4. LICENSING OF NONDESTRUCTIVE DEVICES.**

13 Section 923(a)(1)(C) of title 18, United States Code,  
 14 is amended to read as follows:

15 “(C) of ammunition for firearms other  
 16 than destructive devices, or armor piercing or  
 17 .25 or .32 caliber or 9 millimeter ammunition  
 18 for any firearm, a fee of \$10 per year.”.

19 **SEC. 5. IMPORTERS.**

20 Section 923(a)(2) of title 18, United States Code, is  
 21 amended to read as follows:

22 “(2) If the applicant is an importer—

23 “(A) of destructive devices, ammunition for  
 24 destructive devices, or armor piercing or .25 or

1           .32 caliber or 9 millimeter ammunition for any  
2           firearm, a fee of \$1,000 per year; or

3           “(B) of firearms other than destructive de-  
4           vices or ammunition for firearms other than de-  
5           structive devices, or ammunition other than  
6           armor piercing or .25 or .32 caliber or 9 milli-  
7           meter ammunition for any firearm, a fee of \$50  
8           per year.”.

9   **SEC. 6. MARKING AMMUNITION AND PACKAGES.**

10       Section 923 of title 18, United States Code, is  
11   amended by adding at the end the following:

12       “(m) Licensed importers and licensed manufacturers  
13   shall mark all .25 and .32 caliber and 9 millimeter ammu-  
14   nition and packages containing such ammunition for dis-  
15   tribution, in the manner prescribed by the Secretary by  
16   regulation.”.

17   **SEC. 7. USE OF RESTRICTED AMMUNITION.**

18       Section 929(a)(1) of title 18, United States Code, is  
19   amended by—

20           (1) inserting “, or with .25 or .32 caliber or 9  
21       millimeter ammunition,” after “possession of armor  
22       piercing ammunition”; and

23           (2) inserting “, or .25 or .32 caliber or 9 milli-  
24       meter ammunition,” after “armor-piercing handgun  
25       ammunition”.

1 **SEC. 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2       This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall  
3 take effect on the first day of the first calendar month  
4 that begins more than 90 days after the date of enactment  
5 of this Act.

