

106TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 158

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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 “Law Enforcement Offi-  
5       cers Protection Amendment Act of 1999”.

6       **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF THE DEFINITION OF ARMOR PIERC-**  
7       **ING AMMUNITION.**

8       Section 921(a)(17)(B) of title 18, United States  
9       Code, is amended—

10               (1) by striking “or” at the end of clause (i);

1 (2) by striking the period at the end of clause

2 (ii) and inserting “; or”; and

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

4 “(iii) a projectile that may be used in  
5 a handgun and that the Secretary of the  
6 Treasury, in consultation with the Attor-  
7 ney General determines, pursuant to sec-  
8 tion 926(d), to be capable of penetrating  
9 body armor.”.

10 **SEC. 3. DETERMINATION OF ARMOR PIERCING CAPABILITY**  
11 **OF PROJECTILES.**

12 Section 926 of title 18, United States Code, is  
13 amended by adding at the end the following:

14 “(d) Not later than 1 year after the date of enact-  
15 ment of this subsection, the Secretary shall promulgate  
16 regulations based on standards to be developed by the Sec-  
17 retary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Attorney  
18 General, for the uniform testing of projectiles to determine  
19 whether such projectiles are capable of penetrating Na-  
20 tional Institute of Justice Level II–A body armor.”.

21 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

22 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums  
23 as may be necessary for the Secretary of the Treasury and  
24 the Attorney General to—

- 1           (1) develop and implement performance stand-
- 2           ards for armor piercing ammunition; and
- 3           (2) promulgate regulations for performance
- 4           standards for armor piercing ammunition.

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