

106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1774

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to regulate certain 50 caliber sniper weapons in the same manner as machine guns and other firearms.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 25, 1999

Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. LAUTENBERG) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 “Military Sniper Weap-
5 on Regulation Act of 1999”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds that—

8 (1) certain firearms originally designed and
9 built for use as long-range 50 caliber military sniper

1 weapons are increasingly sold in the domestic civil-
2 ian market;

3 (2) the intended use of these long-range fire-
4 arms, and an increasing number of models derived
5 directly from them, is the taking of human life and
6 the destruction of materiel, including armored vehi-
7 cles and such components of the national critical in-
8 frastructure as radars and microwave transmission
9 devices;

10 (3) these firearms are neither designed nor used
11 in any significant number for legitimate sporting or
12 hunting purposes and are clearly distinguishable
13 from rifles intended for sporting and hunting use;

14 (4) extraordinarily destructive ammunition for
15 these weapons, including armor-piercing and armor-
16 piercing incendiary ammunition, is freely sold in
17 interstate commerce; and