

107TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2773

To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the manufacture or importation, or transfer by a licensed firearms dealer, of a pistol that does not have a chamber load indicator and, in the case of a semiautomatic pistol that has a detachable magazine, a mechanism that prevents the pistol from being fired when the magazine is not attached.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 2, 2001

Mr. LANGEVIN (for himself, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. BLAGOJEVICH, Mr. CAPUANO, Ms. CARSON of Indiana, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. COYNE, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. FILNER, Mr. FRANK, Mr. HOFFEL, Mr. HONDA, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. KIRK, Mr. KLECZKA, Mr. CLAY, Mr. LANTOS, Ms. LEE, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. NADLER, Mr. OWENS, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. RUSH, Ms. SOLIS, Mr. STARK, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. WEINER, Mr. WEXLER, and Ms. WOOLSEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Accidental Shooting
5 Prevention Act of 2001”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION.**

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

10 “(z)(1) It shall be unlawful for a person to manufac-
11 ture or import into the United States a pistol, or for a
12 person licensed under this chapter to transfer possession
13 of or title to a pistol manufactured on or after January
14 1, 2004, unless the pistol includes—

15 “(A) a plainly visible device in a contrasting
16 color that clearly indicates whether the pistol is load-
17 ed; and

18 “(B) if the pistol is a semiautomatic pistol that
19 has a detachable ammunition magazine, a mecha-
20 nism that prevents the pistol from being fired when
21 the magazine is not attached to the pistol.

22 “(2) Compliance with paragraph (1) shall not relieve
23 any person from liability at common law or under State
24 statutory law to any other person.”.

1 (b) PENALTY.—Section 924(a) of such title is amend-
2 ed by adding at the end the following:

3 “(7)(A) Whoever knowingly violates section 922(z)
4 shall be fined \$1,000.

5 “(B) In the case of the 2nd such violation by the per-
6 son, the person shall be fined \$1,000, and if the person
7 is licensed under this chapter, the license is hereby sus-
8 pended for the 30-day period beginning with the date of
9 the conviction.

10 “(C) In the case of the 3rd or subsequent such viola-
11 tion by the person, the person shall be fined \$1,000, and
12 if the person is licensed under this chapter, the license
13 is hereby revoked and the person shall thereafter be ineli-
14 gible for a license under this chapter.”.

15 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
16 this section shall apply to conduct engaged in after Janu-
17 ary 1, 2004.

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