

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 935

To regulate .50 caliber sniper weapons designed for the taking of human life and the destruction of materiel, including armored vehicles and components of the Nation's critical infrastructure.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 28, 2005

Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. CORZINE, and Mr. DURBIN) 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 "Fifty Caliber Sniper

5 Weapons Regulation Act of 2005".

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 **SEC. 3. COVERAGE OF .50 CALIBER SNIPER WEAPONS**2 **UNDER THE NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5845(a) of the Internal
4 Revenue Code of 1986 (defining firearm) is amended by
5 striking “(6) a machine gun; (7) any silencer (as defined
6 in section 921 of title 18, United States Code); and (8)
7 a destructive device.” and inserting “(6) a .50 caliber snip-
8 er weapon; (7) a machine gun; (8) any silencer (as defined
9 in section 921 of title 18, United States Code); and (9)
10 a destructive device.”.

11 (b) DEFINITIONS.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 5845 the Internal
13 Revenue Code of 1986 (defining terms relating to
14 firearms) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
15 lowing:

16 “(n) FIFTY CALIBER SNIPER WEAPON.—The term
17 ‘.50 caliber sniper weapon’ means a rifle capable of firing
18 a center-fire cartridge in .50 caliber, .50 BMG caliber, any
19 other variant of .50 caliber, or any metric equivalent of
20 such calibers.”.

21 (2) MODIFICATION TO DEFINITION OF RIFLE.—

22 Section 5845(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of
23 1986 (defining rifle) is amended by inserting “or
24 from a bipod or other support” after “shoulder”.

1 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2 The amendments made by this Act shall only apply
3 to a .50 caliber sniper weapon made or transferred after
4 the date of enactment of this Act.

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