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S. 2605

To require certain semiautomatic pistols manufactured, imported, or sold by Federal firearms licensees to be capable of microstamping ammunition.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 7 (legislative day, FEBRUARY 6), 2008

Mr. KENNEDY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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. REQUIREMENT THAT CERTAIN SEMIAUTO-**
4 **MATIC PISTOLS MANUFACTURED, IMPORTED,**
5 **OR SOLD BY FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSEES**
6 **BE CAPABLE OF MICROSTAMPING AMMUNI-**
7 **TION.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 923 of title 18, United
9 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
10 lowing:

1 “(m)(1)(A) A person licensed under this chapter shall
2 not manufacture, import, or transfer a semiautomatic pis-
3 tol to which this subparagraph applies that is not capable
4 of microstamping ammunition.

5 “(B) For purposes of subparagraph (A), a pistol is
6 capable of microstamping ammunition if—

7 “(i) a microscopic array of characters that iden-
8 tify the make, model, and serial number of the pistol
9 is etched into the breech face and firing pin of the
10 pistol; and

11 “(ii) when ammunition is fired from the pistol,
12 the characters are copied from the breech face and
13 firing pin onto the cartridge case of the ammunition.

14 “(C) Subparagraph (A) shall apply only to semiauto-
15 matic pistols which—

16 “(i) are manufactured, or imported into the
17 United States, on or after the effective date of this
18 subsection; and

19 “(ii) have not been transferred to a person not
20 licensed under this chapter.

21 “(2) Whoever violates paragraph (1) shall be fined
22 an amount equal to—

23 “(A) in the case of a first such violation by the
24 violator, \$1,000 multiplied by the number of semi-
25 automatic pistols involved in the violation;

1 “(B) in the case of a second such violation by
2 the violator, \$2,000 multiplied by the number of
3 semiautomatic pistols involved in the violation; or

4 “(C) in the case of a third such violation by the
5 violator, \$3,000 multiplied by the number of semi-
6 automatic pistols involved in the violation.”.

7 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
8 subsection (a) shall take effect on January 1, 2010.

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