

112TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1552

To amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the possession of a firearm by a person who is adjudicated to have committed a violent act while a juvenile.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 14, 2011

Mr. ISRAEL 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 “Preventing Gun Vio-
5 lence Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON POSSESSION OF A FIREARM BY A**
2 **PERSON WHO IS ADJUDICATED TO HAVE**
3 **COMMITTED A VIOLENT ACT WHILE A JUVE-**
4 **NILE.**

5 (a) POSSESSION BAN.—Section 922(g) of title 18,
6 United States Code, is amended—

7 (1) by striking “or” at the end of paragraph
8 (8);

9 (2) by striking the comma at the end of para-
10 graph (9) and inserting “; or”; and

11 (3) by inserting after paragraph (9) the fol-
12 lowing:

13 “(10) who has been adjudicated by a court of
14 the United States to have committed a violent juve-
15 nile act,”.

16 (b) VIOLENT JUVENILE ACT DEFINED.—Section
17 921(a) of such title is amended by adding at the end the
18 following:

19 “(36)(A) The term ‘violent juvenile act’ means
20 an act by a person before the person attains 18
21 years of age that, if committed by an adult, would
22 be punishable by a term of imprisonment exceeding
23 one year, and—

24 “(i) has as an element the use, attempted
25 use, or threatened use of physical force against
26 another person; or

1 “(ii) that by its nature, involves a substan-
2 tial risk that physical force against another per-
3 son may be used in the course of committing
4 the act.”.

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