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To modify the definition of armor piercing ammunition to better capture its capabilities.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SPEIER (for herself, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Ms. CLARKE, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. TIERNEY, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Mr. HOLT, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. MORAN, Ms. BASS, Ms. FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. HONDA, Mr. MCGOVERN, and Mr. FARR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To modify the definition of armor piercing ammunition to better capture its capabilities.

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. ARMOR PIERCING AMMUNITION.**

4 (a) EXPANSION OF DEFINITION.—Section
5 921(a)(17)(B) of title 18, United States Code, is amend-
6 ed—

7 (1) in clause (I), by striking “or” at the end;

1 (2) in clause (ii), by striking the period and in-
2 serting “; and”; and

3 (3) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(iii) a projectile that—

5 “(I) may be used in a handgun;

6 and

7 “(II) the Attorney General deter-

8 mines, under section 926(d), to be ca-

9 pable of penetrating body armor.”.

10 (b) DETERMINATION OF CAPABILITY OF PROJEC-
11 TILES TO PENETRATE BODY ARMOR.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 926 of such title is
13 amended by adding at the end the following:

14 “(d)(1) The Attorney General, in consultation with
15 Director of Operational Test and Evaluation of the De-
16 partment of Defense, shall promulgate standards for the
17 uniform testing of projectiles against the Body Armor Ex-
18 emplar.

19 “(2) The standards promulgated under paragraph
20 (1) shall take into account, among other factors, vari-
21 ations in performance that are related to the type of hand-
22 gun used, the length of the barrel of the handgun, the
23 amount and kind of powder used to propel the projectile,
24 and the design of the projectile.

1 “(3) In paragraph (1), the term ‘Body Armor Exem-
2 plar’ means body armor that the Attorney General deter-
3 mines meets minimum standards for the protection of law
4 enforcement officers.”.

5 (2) TIMING OF PROMULGATION OF STAND-
6 ARDS.—The Attorney General shall promulgate the
7 standards required by section 926(d) of title 18,
8 United States Code, within 1 year after the date of
9 the enactment of this section.

10 (3) ASSESSMENT AND MODIFICATION OF
11 STANDARDS.—The Attorney General shall assess the
12 standards every 3 years, or more frequently if the
13 Attorney General finds that technological advances
14 warrant doing so, and shall modify the standards as
15 appropriate.

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