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# H. R. 444

To amend title 18, United States Code, to regulate the manufacture, importation, and sale of any projectile that may be used in a handgun and is capable of penetrating police body armor.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 9, 1995

Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. SHAYS, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mrs. ROUKEMA, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. DEUTSCH) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## 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 “Cop-Killer Bullet Ban  
5 Act of 1995”.

1 **SEC. 2. REGULATION OF THE MANUFACTURE, IMPORTA-**  
2 **TION, AND SALE OF PROJECTILES THAT MAY**  
3 **BE USED IN A HANDGUN AND ARE CAPABLE**  
4 **OF PENETRATING POLICE BODY ARMOR.**

5 (a) EXPANSION OF DEFINITION OF ARMOR PIERCING  
6 AMMUNITION.—Section 921(a)(17)(B) of title 18, United  
7 States Code, is amended—

8 (1) by striking “or” at the end of clause (i);

9 (2) by striking the period at the end of clause  
10 (ii) and inserting “; and”; and

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

12 “(iii) a projectile that may be used in a hand-  
13 gun and that the Secretary determines, pursuant to  
14 section 926(d), to be capable of penetrating body  
15 armor.”.

16 (b) DETERMINATION OF THE CAPABILITY OF PRO-  
17 JECTILES TO PENETRATE BODY ARMOR.—Section 926 of  
18 such title is amended by adding at the end the following:

19 “(d)(1) The Secretary shall determine whether a pro-  
20 jectile is capable of penetrating body armor, in accordance  
21 with regulations prescribed by the Secretary not later than  
22 1 year after the date of the enactment of this subsection.  
23 Such regulations shall provide for uniform testing of pro-  
24 jectiles against the Body Armor Exemplar, based on  
25 standards developed in cooperation with the Attorney Gen-  
26 eral of the United States. Such standards shall take into

1 account, among other factors, variations in performance  
2 that are related to the length of the barrel of the handgun  
3 from which the projectile is fired and the amount and kind  
4 of powder used to propel the projectile.

5       “(2) As used in paragraph (1), the term ‘Body Armor  
6 Exemplar’ means body armor that the Secretary, in co-  
7 operation with the Attorney General of the United States,  
8 determines meets minimum standards for protection of  
9 law enforcement officers.”.

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