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# S. 134

To amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to the licensing of ammunition manufacturers, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 21, 1997

Mr. MOYNIHAN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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       That this Act may be cited as the “Handgun Ammunition  
4       Control Act of 1997”.

5       **SECTION 1. RECORDS OF DISPOSITION OF AMMUNITION.**

6       (a) AMENDMENT OF TITLE 18, UNITED STATES  
7       CODE.—Section 923(g) of title 18, United States Code,  
8       is amended—

1           (1) in paragraph (1)(A), by inserting after the  
2           second sentence “Each licensed importer and manu-  
3           facturer of ammunition shall maintain such records  
4           of importation, production, shipment, sale, or other  
5           disposition of ammunition at the place of business of  
6           such importer or manufacturer for such period and  
7           in such form as the Secretary may by regulations  
8           prescribe. Such records shall include the amount,  
9           caliber, and type of ammunition.”; and

10           (2) by adding at the end the following new  
11           paragraph:

12           “(8) Each licensed importer or manufacturer of am-  
13           munition shall annually prepare a summary report of im-  
14           ports, production, shipments, sales, and other dispositions  
15           during the preceding year. The report shall be prepared  
16           on a form specified by the Secretary, shall include the  
17           amounts, calibers, and types of ammunition that were dis-  
18           posed of, and shall be forwarded to the office specified  
19           thereon not later than the close of business on the date  
20           specified by the Secretary.”.

21           (b) STUDY OF CRIMINAL USE AND REGULATION OF  
22           AMMUNITION.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall re-  
23           quest the National Academy of Sciences to—

1           (1) prepare, in consultation with the Secretary,  
2           a study of the criminal use and regulation of ammu-  
3           nition; and

4           (2) to submit to Congress, not later than July  
5           31, 1998, a report with recommendations on the po-  
6           tential for preventing crime by regulating or restrict-  
7           ing the availability of ammunition.

8 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN LICENSING FEES FOR MANUFACTUR-**  
9 **ERS OF AMMUNITION.**

10          Section 923(a)(1) of title 18, United States Code, is  
11          amended—

12           (1) by redesignating subparagraphs (A), (B),  
13           (C), and (D) as subparagraphs (B), (C), (D), and  
14           (E), respectively;

15           (2) by inserting before subparagraph (B), as re-  
16           designated, the following:

17                   “(A) of .25 caliber, .32 caliber, or 9 mm  
18                   ammunition, a fee of \$10,000 per year;”

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