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To authorize the Consumer Product Safety Commission to regulate gun safety, and to ban the importation or manufacture of handguns which do not have certain safety features.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BLUMENAUER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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. COVERAGE UNDER THE CONSUMER PRODUCT**
4 **SAFETY ACT.**

5 Subparagraph (E) of paragraph (1) of section 3 of
6 the Consumer Product Safety Act (15 U.S.C. 2052) is re-
7 pealed.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON IMPORTATION OR MANUFACTURE**
2 **OF HANDGUNS WITHOUT CERTAIN SAFETY**
3 **FEATURES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 922 of title 18, United
5 States Code, is amended by inserting after subsection (y)
6 the following:

7 “(z) It shall be unlawful for any person to import
8 or manufacture a handgun, unless—

9 “(1) the trigger of the weapon cannot be pulled
10 by an individual whose hand and finger strength
11 does not exceed the average hand and finger
12 strength of children who have attained 4 years of
13 age but have not attained 5 years of age;

14 “(2) the weapon cannot be fired without an am-
15 munition magazine or clip attached;

16 “(3) there is incorporated into the weapon a
17 locking feature that, when activated, prevents the
18 weapon from being fired, and that cannot be re-
19 moved from the weapon without rendering the weap-
20 on inoperable; or

21 “(4) the weapon includes a mechanism which
22 visibly and noticeably indicates whether ammunition
23 is present in the weapon.”.

24 (b) PENALTIES.—

25 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 924(a) of such title
26 is amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “(7) Whoever knowingly violates section 922(z) shall
2 be fined not more than \$10,000, imprisoned not more
3 than 1 year, or both. Section 3571(e) shall not apply to
4 an offense under section 922(z).”.

5 (2) LOSS OF LICENSE.—Section 923(e) of such
6 title is amended by inserting after the 2nd sentence
7 the following: “The Secretary shall, after notice and
8 opportunity for hearing, revoke any license issued
9 under this section if the holder of the license has
10 knowingly violated section 922(z).”.

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