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S. 1179

To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the sale, delivery, or other transfer of any type of firearm to a juvenile, with certain exceptions.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 27, 1999

Mrs. BOXER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 “Youth Access to Fire-
5 arms Act of 1999”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION OF THE SALE AND TRANSFER OF A**
7 **FIREARM TO A JUVENILE.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 922(x)(1) of title 18,
9 United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

1 “(1) It shall be unlawful for a person to sell,
2 deliver, or otherwise transfer any firearm or ammu-
3 nition to a person who the transferor knows or has
4 reasonable cause to believe is a juvenile.”.

5 (b) EXCEPTION FOR A RIFLE OR SHOTGUN FROM A
6 FAMILY MEMBER.—Section 922(x)(3) of title 18, United
7 States Code, is amended—

8 (1) redesignating subparagraphs (C) and (D) as
9 subparagraphs (D) and (E), respectively; and

10 (2) by inserting after subparagraph (B) the fol-
11 lowing:

12 “(C) the sale, delivery, or transfer of a
13 shotgun or rifle or ammunition for a shotgun or
14 rifle to a juvenile from—

15 “(i) a parent, grandparent, or legal
16 guardian of the juvenile; or

17 “(ii) another member of the juvenile’s
18 family with the consent of the parent,
19 grandparent, or legal guardian of the juve-
20 nile;”.

21 (c) EXCEPTION FOR A TEMPORARY TRANSFER OF A
22 RIFLE OR SHOTGUN FOR HUNTING.—Section
23 922(x)(3)(A)(ii) is amended—

24 (1) in subclause (I) , by striking the “or” at the
25 end;

1 (2) by redesignating subclause (II) as subclause
2 (III); and

3 (3) by inserting after subclause (I), the fol-
4 lowing:

5 “(II) with respect to hunting, a
6 rifle or shotgun may be temporarily
7 transferred to a juvenile without the
8 prior written consent of the juvenile’s
9 parent or guardian; or”.

10 (d) APPLICATION OF EXISTING EXCEPTIONS.—Sec-
11 tion 922(x) is amended in paragraphs (3) and (4), by
12 striking “handgun” each place it appears and inserting
13 “firearm”.

14 (e) CONFORMING AMENDMENT ON PENALTIES.—
15 Section 924(a)(6)(B)(ii) of title 18, United States Code,
16 is amended by striking “handgun” each place it appears
17 and inserting “firearm”.

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