

106TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 1190

To apply the Consumer Product Safety Act to firearms and ammunition.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 9, 1999

Mr. REED introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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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. APPLICABILITY OF CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFE-**  
4 **TY ACT TO FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-  
6 ings:

7 (1) Firearms are one of the few consumer prod-  
8 ucts not subject to consumer product safety regula-  
9 tions.

10 (2) There are currently no quality and safety  
11 standards in place for domestically manufactured

1 firearms. In contrast, minimal quality and safety  
2 standards have been applied to imported firearms  
3 since passage of the Gun Control Act of 1968.

4 (3) As a result, firearms made in the United  
5 States often lack even the most basic safety features  
6 designed to prevent unintentional shooting by chil-  
7 dren.

8 (4) In 1996 alone, 1,134 people were killed in  
9 the United States by accidental firearm discharges,  
10 including 376 people aged 19 years and under. In  
11 addition, 162 children aged 14 years and under com-  
12 mitted suicide using a firearm.

13 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to re-  
14 duce the number of unintentional shootings in the United  
15 States each year, especially among children, by permitting  
16 the Consumer Product Safety Commission to regulate fire-  
17 arms and ammunition so as to develop uniform safety  
18 standards and protect the public against unreasonable  
19 risks of injury from firearms and ammunition.

20 (c) APPLICABILITY OF CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY  
21 ACT.—Section 3(a)(1) of the Consumer Product Safety  
22 Act (15 U.S.C. 2052(a)(1)) is amended by striking sub-  
23 paragraph (E).

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