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1ST SESSION

H. R. 378

To prohibit the purchase, ownership, or possession of enhanced body armor
by civilians, with exceptions.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 14, 2015

Mr. HONDA (for himself, Mr. HASTINGS, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, and Mr.
DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois) introduced the following bill; which was re-
ferred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To prohibit the purchase, ownership, or possession of
enhanced body armor by civilians, with exceptions.

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 “Responsible Body
5 Armor Possession Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. BAN ON PURCHASE, OWNERSHIP, OR POSSESSION**
2 **OF ENHANCED BODY ARMOR BY CIVILIANS;**
3 **EXCEPTIONS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 44 of title 18, United
5 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
6 lowing:

7 **“§ 932. Ban on purchase, ownership, or possession of**
8 **enhanced body armor by civilians**

9 “(a) Except as provided in subsection (b), it shall be
10 unlawful for a person to purchase, own, or possess en-
11 hanced body armor.

12 “(b) Subsection (a) shall not apply to—

13 “(1) a purchase, ownership, or possession by or
14 under the authority of—

15 “(A) the United States or any department
16 or agency of the United States; or

17 “(B) a State, or a department, agency, or
18 political subdivision of a State; or

19 “(2) enhanced body armor that was lawfully
20 possessed by any person at any time before the date
21 this section takes effect.”.

22 (b) ENHANCED BODY ARMOR DEFINED.—Section
23 921(a) of such title is amended by adding at the end the
24 following:

25 “(36) The term ‘enhanced body armor’ means body
26 armor, including a helmet or shield, the ballistic resistance

1 of which meets or exceeds the ballistic performance of
2 Type III armor, determined using National Institute of
3 Justice Standard–0101.06.”.

4 (c) PENALTIES.—Section 924(a) of such title is
5 amended by adding at the end the following:

6 “(8) Whoever knowingly violates section 932 shall be
7 fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 10 years,
8 or both.”.

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