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# H. R. 719

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 23, 2019

Mr. BROWN of Maryland (for himself, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. CISNEROS, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. CLAY, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. EVANS, Ms. FUDGE, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. HASTINGS, Mrs. HAYES, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. LAWSON of Florida, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, Mrs. MCBATH, Mr. MCEACHIN, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. MOORE, Mr. NEGUSE, Ms. NORTON, Ms. OMAR, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. RICHMOND, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. UNDERWOOD, Mr. VEASEY, and Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN) introduced the following bill; which was 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Make Identifiable  
3 Criminal Rounds Obvious Act” or the “MICRO Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT THAT CERTAIN SEMIAUTOMATIC**  
5 **PISTOLS MANUFACTURED, IMPORTED, OR**  
6 **SOLD BY FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSEES BE**  
7 **CAPABLE OF MICROSTAMPING AMMUNITION.**

8 Section 923 of title 18, United States Code, is  
9 amended by adding at the end the following:

10 “(m)(1)(A) A person licensed under this chapter shall  
11 not manufacture, import, or transfer a semiautomatic pis-  
12 tol to which this subparagraph applies that is not capable  
13 of microstamping ammunition.

14 “(B) For purposes of subparagraph (A), a pistol is  
15 capable of microstamping ammunition if—

16 “(i) a microscopic array of characters that iden-  
17 tify the make, model, and serial number of the pistol  
18 is etched into the breech face and firing pin of the  
19 pistol; and

20 “(ii) when ammunition is fired from the pistol,  
21 the characters are copied from the breech face and  
22 firing pin onto the cartridge case of the ammunition.

23 “(C) Subparagraph (A) shall apply only to semiauto-  
24 matic pistols which—

1           “(i) are manufactured, or imported into the  
2 United States, on or after the effective date of this  
3 subsection; and

4           “(ii) have not been transferred to a person not  
5 licensed under this chapter.

6           “(2) Whoever violates paragraph (1) shall be fined  
7 an amount equal to—

8           “(A) in the case of a first such violation by the  
9 violator, \$1,000 multiplied by the number of semi-  
10 automatic pistols involved in the violation;

11           “(B) in the case of a second such violation by  
12 the violator, \$2,000 multiplied by the number of  
13 semiautomatic pistols involved in the violation; or

14           “(C) in the case of a third such violation by the  
15 violator, \$3,000 multiplied by the number of semi-  
16 automatic pistols involved in the violation.”.

17 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON THE REMOVAL, OBLITERATION,**  
18 **OR ALTERATION OF THE MICROSTAMPED**  
19 **CODE OR MICROSTAMPING CAPABILITY OF A**  
20 **FIREARM.**

21           (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 922 of title 18, United  
22 States Code, is amended by inserting after subsection (u)  
23 the following:

24           “(v)(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to remove,  
25 obliterate, or alter the microstamped code or micro-

1 stamping capability of a firearm that has been shipped  
2 or transported in interstate or foreign commerce.

3 “(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply to the replace-  
4 ment of a firing pin that is damaged or worn, and is in  
5 need of replacement.”.

6 (b) PENALTIES.—Section 924 of such title is amend-  
7 ed by adding at the end the following:

8 “(q)(1)(A) In the case of a knowing violation of sec-  
9 tion 922(v), the Attorney General may, after notice and  
10 opportunity for hearing—

11 “(i) subject the violator to a civil penalty in an  
12 amount equal to not more than \$5,000; and

13 “(ii) if the violator is a licensed manufacturer,  
14 licensed importer, or licensed dealer, suspend for not  
15 more than 6 months, or revoke, any license issued  
16 to the licensee under this chapter.

17 “(B) An action under subparagraph (A) may be re-  
18 viewed only as provided under section 923(f).

19 “(2) The suspension or revocation of a license or the  
20 imposition of a civil penalty under paragraph (1) shall not  
21 preclude any administrative remedy that is otherwise  
22 available to the Attorney General.”.

1 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2       The amendments made by this Act shall take effect  
3 on the date that is 2 years after the date of the enactment  
4 of this Act.

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