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# H. R. 2870

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 26, 2023

Mr. IVEY (for himself, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. AUCHINCLOSS, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Ms. BROWN, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. CROW, Mr. CORREA, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. EVANS, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Ms. NORTON, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. KILDEE, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. MFUME, Mr. MORELLE, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. POCAN, Mr. QUIGLEY, Ms. SALINAS, Mr. SARBANES, Ms. SCANLON, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Ms. TITUS, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. TRONE, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. CASTEN, Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California, Ms. PORTER, Mr. ALLRED, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Ms. CROCKETT, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Ms. DELBENE, Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. PETERS, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. STEVENS, Mr. COSTA, Ms. BALINT, Ms. PETERSEN, Mr. PALLONE, Ms. CHU, Ms. MENG, and Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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tions for active duty military personnel and full-time law enforcement officers, and for other purposes.

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 “Raise the Age Act of  
 5 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSEE**

7                   **SELLING OR DELIVERING CERTAIN SEMI-**

8                   **AUTOMATIC CENTERFIRE RIFLES OR SEMI-**

9                   **AUTOMATIC CENTERFIRE SHOTGUNS TO A**

10                  **PERSON UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE, WITH EX-**

11                  **CEPTIONS.**

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

14               “(1)(A) any firearm or ammunition to any indi-  
 15 vidual who the licensee knows or has reasonable  
 16 cause to believe has not attained 18 years of age;

17               “(B) any semiautomatic centerfire rifle or semi-  
 18 automatic centerfire shotgun that has, or has the ca-  
 19 pacity to accept, an ammunition feeding device with  
 20 a capacity exceeding 5 rounds, to any individual who  
 21 the licensee knows or has reasonable cause to believe  
 22 has not attained 21 years of age and is not a quali-  
 23 fied individual; or

1           “(C) if the firearm or ammunition is not a  
2           semiautomatic centerfire rifle or semiautomatic  
3           centerfire shotgun described in subparagraph (B)  
4           and is other than a shotgun or rifle, or ammunition  
5           for a shotgun or rifle, to any individual who the li-  
6           censee knows or has reasonable cause to believe has  
7           not attained 21 years of age;”.

8           (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 922(e)(1)  
9           of such title is amended by striking “in the case of any  
10          firearm” and all that follows through “eighteen years or  
11          more of age” and inserting “(1) in the case of a semiauto-  
12          matic centerfire rifle or semiautomatic centerfire shotgun  
13          that has, or has the capacity to accept, an ammunition  
14          feeding device with a capacity exceeding 5 rounds, I am  
15          at least 21 years of age or a qualified individual (as de-  
16          fined in section 921(a)(30) of title 18, United States  
17          Code), (2) in the case of a firearm other than a shotgun,  
18          a rifle, or such a semiautomatic centerfire rifle or semi-  
19          automatic centerfire shotgun, I am at least 21 years of  
20          age, or (3) in the case of any other shotgun or rifle, I  
21          am at least 18 years of age.”.

22          (c) QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL DEFINED.—Section  
23          921(a) of such title is amended by adding at the end the  
24          following:

25                 “(38) The term ‘qualified individual’ means—

1           “(A) a member of the Armed Forces on active  
2           duty; and

3           “(B) a full-time employee of the United States,  
4           a State, or a political subdivision of a State who in  
5           the course of his or her official duties is authorized  
6           to carry a firearm.

7           “(39) The term ‘ammunition feeding device’ means  
8           a magazine, belt, drum, feed strip, or similar device, but  
9           does not include an attached tubular device which is only  
10          capable of operating with .22 caliber rimfire ammuni-  
11          tion.”.

12       **SEC. 3. OPERATION OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVES-**  
13                               **TIGATION’S PUBLIC ACCESS LINE.**

14          (a) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date  
15          of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the Federal  
16          Bureau of Investigation (in this section referred to as the  
17          “FBI”) shall submit to the Committee on the Judiciary  
18          of the Senate and the Committee on the Judiciary of the  
19          House of Representatives a report regarding operation of  
20          the FBI’s public access line.

21          (b) MATTERS INCLUDED.—The report required by  
22          subsection (a) shall, at a minimum, include the following:

23                  (1) A description of the protocols and proce-  
24          dures in effect with respect to information-sharing

1       between the public access line and the field offices  
2       of the FBI.

3               (2) Recommendations for improving the proto-  
4       cols and procedures to improve the information-shar-  
5       ing.

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