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To create and disseminate best practices regarding safe firearm storage, to create a grant program for the distribution of safe storage devices, and for other purposes.

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A BILL

To create and disseminate best practices regarding safe fire-

arm storage, to create a grant program for the distribution of safe storage devices, 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 “Kimberly Vaughan
5 Firearm Safe Storage Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. BEST PRACTICES FOR SAFE FIREARM STORAGE.**

7 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
9 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the At-
10 torney General shall establish voluntary best prac-
11 tices relating to safe firearm storage solely for the
12 purpose of public education.

13 (2) PUBLIC NOTICE; HEARING.—The Attorney
14 General shall give not less than 90 days public no-
15 tice, and shall afford interested parties opportunity
16 for hearing, before establishing the best practices.

17 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—In establishing the best prac-
18 tices under subsection (a), the Attorney General shall out-
19 line the best practices for preventing firearm loss, theft,
20 and other unauthorized access for the following locations:

21 (1) Businesses.

22 (2) Vehicles.

23 (3) Private homes.

24 (4) Off-site storage facilities.

1 (5) Any other place about which the Attorney
2 General deems appropriate to provide such guidance.

3 (c) PUBLICATION.—Not later than 1 year after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Attorney General
5 shall publish, in print and on a public website, the best
6 practices established under subsection (a), and shall re-
7 view and update the best practices not less often than an-
8 nually.

9 **SEC. 3. PROMOTION OF SAFE FIREARM STORAGE.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 923 of title 18, United
11 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
12 lowing:

13 “(m) Beginning January 1, 2025, a licensed manu-
14 facturer or licensed importer that serializes not fewer than
15 250 firearms annually pursuant to subsection (i) shall pro-
16 vide with each manufactured or imported handgun, rifle,
17 or shotgun a clear and conspicuous written notice that—

18 “(1) is attached or adhered to, or appears on
19 or within any packaging of, the handgun, rifle, or
20 shotgun; and

21 “(2) states ‘SAFE STORAGE SAVES LIVES’
22 followed by the address of the public website estab-
23 lished by the Attorney General pursuant to section
24 2 of the Kimberly Vaughan Firearm Safe Storage
25 Act.”.

1 **SEC. 4. SAFE STORAGE DEVICES FOR ALL FIREARM SALES.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 922(z) of title 18, United
3 States Code, is amended by striking “handgun” each place
4 it appears and inserting “handgun, rifle, or shotgun”.

5 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
6 this section shall take effect on the date that is 180 days
7 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

8 **SEC. 5. SAFE FIREARM STORAGE GRANT PROGRAM.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General may award
10 grants to States and Indian Tribes for the development,
11 implementation, and evaluation of Safe Firearm Storage
12 Assistance Programs.

13 (b) APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS.—Each applicant
14 for a grant under this section shall—

15 (1) submit to the Attorney General an applica-
16 tion at such time, in such a manner, and containing
17 such information as the Attorney General may re-
18 quire; and

19 (2) to the extent practicable, identify State,
20 local, Tribal, and private funds available to supple-
21 ment the funds received under this section.

22 (c) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—

23 (1) GRANTEE REPORT.—

24 (A) IN GENERAL.—A recipient of a grant
25 under this section shall submit to the Attorney

1 General an annual report that includes the fol-
2 lowing information:

3 (i) The amount distributed to each
4 Safe Firearm Storage Assistance Program
5 in the jurisdiction of the grant recipient.

6 (ii) The number of safe firearm stor-
7 age devices distributed by each such Safe
8 Firearm Storage Assistance Program.

9 (B) PROHIBITION.—A recipient of a grant
10 under this section shall not include in a report
11 under subparagraph (A) any personally identi-
12 fying information of a recipient of a safe fire-
13 arms storage device pursuant to a Safe Firearm
14 Storage Assistance Program funded under this
15 section.

16 (2) ATTORNEY GENERAL REPORT.—Beginning
17 13 months after the date grants are first awarded
18 under this section, and annually thereafter, the At-
19 torney General shall submit to the Congress a report
20 that includes the following:

21 (A) A list of grant recipients during the
22 preceding year, including the funds awarded,
23 cumulatively and disaggregated by grantee.

24 (B) The information submitted pursuant
25 to paragraph (1).

1 (d) LIMITATIONS ON AUTHORIZATION OF APPRO-
2 PRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the
3 Attorney General to carry out this section \$10,000,000
4 for each of fiscal years 2024 through 2034, to remain
5 available until expended.

6 (e) USE OF FUNDS.—A grantee to which funds are
7 awarded under this section—

8 (1) shall use not less than 75 percent of the
9 funds to create or to provide resources for Safe Fire-
10 arm Storage Assistance Programs in the jurisdiction
11 of the grantee; and

12 (2) may make available to nonprofit organiza-
13 tions not more than 25 percent of the funds to part-
14 ner with units of local government to purchase and
15 distribute safe firearm storage devices.

16 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

17 (1) SAFE FIREARM STORAGE DEVICE.—The
18 term “safe firearm storage device” means a device
19 that—

20 (A) is designed and marketed for the prin-
21 cipal purpose of denying unauthorized access to,
22 or rendering inoperable, a firearm or ammuni-
23 tion;

1 (B) is secured by a combination lock, key
2 lock, or lock based on biometric information;
3 and

4 (C) once locked, is incapable of being
5 opened without the combination, key, or biomet-
6 ric information, respectively.

7 (2) SAFE FIREARM STORAGE ASSISTANCE PRO-
8 GRAM.—The term “Safe Firearm Storage Assistance
9 Program” means a program—

10 (A) carried out by a unit of local govern-
11 ment or an Indian tribe; and

12 (B) solely for the purpose of acquiring and
13 distributing safe firearm storage devices to the
14 public.

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