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To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the illegal modification of firearms, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. HEINRICH (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, and Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Banning Unlawful Ma-
5 chinegun Parts Act of 2023” or the “BUMP Act of
6 2023”.

7 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 44 of title 18, United
9 States Code, is amended—

1 (1) in section 921(a), by inserting after para-
2 graph (30) the following:

3 “(31) The term ‘semiautomatic firearm’ means any
4 firearm that—

5 “(A) uses a portion of the energy of a firing
6 cartridge to extract the fired cartridge case and
7 chamber the next shell or round;

8 “(B) requires a separate function of the trigger
9 to fire each cartridge; and

10 “(C) is not a machinegun.”;

11 (2) in section 922, by inserting after subsection
12 (u) the following:

13 “(v)(1) Except as provided in paragraphs (3) and (4),
14 on and after the date that is 120 days after the date of
15 enactment of this subsection, it shall be unlawful for any
16 person to import, sell, manufacture, transfer, receive, or
17 possess, in or affecting interstate or foreign commerce—

18 “(A) any manual, power-driven, or electronic
19 device primarily designed, or redesigned, so that
20 when the device is attached to a semiautomatic fire-
21 arm the device—

22 “(i) materially increases the rate of fire of
23 the firearm; or

24 “(ii) approximates the action or rate of fire
25 of a machinegun;

1 “(B) any device, part, or combination of parts,
2 that is designed and functions to materially increase
3 the rate of fire of the firearm, by eliminating the
4 need for the operator of the firearm to make a sepa-
5 rate movement for each individual function of the
6 trigger; or

7 “(C) a semiautomatic firearm that has been
8 modified in any way that—

9 “(i) materially increases the rate of fire of
10 the firearm; or

11 “(ii) approximates the action or rate of fire
12 of a machinegun.

13 “(2) Except as provided in paragraph (3), not later
14 than 120 days after the date of enactment of this sub-
15 section, any person who lawfully owns or possesses a semi-
16 automatic firearm that was modified as described in para-
17 graph (1)(C) before such date of enactment shall register
18 the semiautomatic firearm in accordance with section
19 5841 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

20 “(3) This subsection does not apply with respect to
21 the importation for, manufacture for, sale to, transfer to,
22 or possession by or under the authority of, the United
23 States or any department or agency thereof or a State,
24 or a department, agency, or political subdivision thereof.

1 “(4) Paragraph (1) shall not apply to any lawful
2 transfer or possession of a semiautomatic firearm de-
3 scribed in paragraph (1)(C) that—

4 “(A) was lawfully modified and possessed before
5 the date of enactment of this subsection; and

6 “(B) is registered in accordance with paragraph
7 (2).”; and

8 (3) in section 924(a)(2), by striking “, or (o)”
9 and inserting “(o), or (v)”.

10 (b) AMENDMENT TO THE NATIONAL FIREARMS
11 ACT.—Section 5845(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of
12 1986 is amended by striking “and (8) a destructive de-
13 vice” and inserting “(8) a destructive device; and (9) a
14 semiautomatic firearm, as defined in section 921 of title
15 18, United States Code, that is modified as described in
16 section 922(v)(1)(C) of such title”.

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