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H. R. 1833

To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the private transfer of a handgun or ammunition to any person who does not have a State permit to possess the handgun or ammunition.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 22, 1993

Ms. NORTON introduced the following bill; which was 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. STATE PERMIT REQUIRED FOR PRIVATE**
4 **TRANSFER OF A HANDGUN OR AMMUNITION.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 922 of title 18, United
6 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
7 following:

1 “(s)(1) It shall be unlawful for a person who is not
2 licensed under section 923 to transfer a handgun or am-
3 munition to another person who is not so licensed, un-
4 less—

5 “(A) the transferee has presented to the trans-
6 feror a valid permit, issued by the State in which the
7 transfer occurs, which allows the transferee to pos-
8 sess the handgun or ammunition; and

9 “(B) the transferor has made a record which
10 contains—

11 “(i) the name of the transferee;

12 “(ii) the name of the transferor;

13 “(iii) a description of the handgun or am-
14 munition transferred;

15 “(iv) the date of the transfer; and

16 “(v) the permit number.

17 “(2)(A) It shall be unlawful for any person who is
18 not licensed under section 923 and who transfers a hand-
19 gun or ammunition to another person who is not so li-
20 censed to fail to transmit to the chief law enforcement offi-
21 cer of the place of residence of the transferee, within 7
22 days after the date of the transfer, the record described
23 in paragraph (1)(B).

24 “(B) For purposes of subparagraph (A), the term
25 ‘chief law enforcement officer’ means the chief of police,

1 the sheriff, or an equivalent officer, or the designee of any
2 such individual.”.

3 (b) HANDGUN DEFINED.—Section 921(a) of such
4 title is amended by adding at the end the following:

5 “(29) The term ‘handgun’ means—

6 “(A) a firearm which has a short stock and is
7 designed to be held and fired by the use of a single
8 hand; and

9 “(B) any combination of parts from which a
10 firearm described in subparagraph (A) can be as-
11 sembled.”.

12 (c) PENALTY.—Section 924(a) of such title is amend-
13 ed—

14 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “paragraph
15 (2) or (3) of”; and

16 (2) by adding at the end the following:

17 “(5) Whoever knowingly violates section 922(s) shall
18 be fined not more than \$1,000, imprisoned for not more
19 than 1 year, or both.”.

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