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To prohibit the transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices, and for other purposes.

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A BILL

To prohibit the transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding 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 “Keep Americans Safe
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON TRANSFER OR POSSESSION OF**
7 **LARGE CAPACITY AMMUNITION FEEDING DE-**
8 **VICES.**

9 (a) DEFINITION.—Section 921(a) of title 18, United
10 States Code, is amended by inserting after paragraph (29)
11 the following:

12 “(30) The term ‘large capacity ammunition feeding
13 device’—

14 “(A) means a magazine, belt, drum, feed strip,
15 or similar device that has a capacity of, or that can
16 be readily restored or converted to accept, more than
17 10 rounds of ammunition; but

18 “(B) does not include an attached tubular de-
19 vice designed to accept, and capable of operating
20 only with, .22 caliber rimfire ammunition.”.

21 (b) PROHIBITIONS.—Section 922 of such title is
22 amended by inserting after subsection (u) the following:

23 “(v)(1)(A)(i) Except as provided in clause (ii), it shall
24 be unlawful for a person to transfer or possess a large
25 capacity ammunition feeding device.

1 “(ii) Clause (i) shall not apply to the possession of
2 a large capacity ammunition feeding device otherwise law-
3 fully possessed within the United States on or before the
4 date of the enactment of this subsection.

5 “(B) It shall be unlawful for any person to import
6 or bring into the United States a large capacity ammuni-
7 tion feeding device.

8 “(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply to—

9 “(A) a manufacture for, transfer to, or posses-
10 sion by the United States or a department or agency
11 of the United States or a State or a department,
12 agency, or political subdivision of a State, or a
13 transfer to or possession by a law enforcement offi-
14 cer employed by such an entity for purposes of law
15 enforcement (whether on or off duty);

16 “(B) a transfer to a licensee under title I of the
17 Atomic Energy Act of 1954 for purposes of estab-
18 lishing and maintaining an on-site physical protec-
19 tion system and security organization required by
20 Federal law, or possession by an employee or con-
21 tractor of such a licensee on-site for such purposes
22 or off-site for purposes of licensee-authorized train-
23 ing or transportation of nuclear materials;

24 “(C) the possession, by an individual who is re-
25 tired from service with a law enforcement agency

1 and is not otherwise prohibited from receiving am-
2 munition, of a large capacity ammunition feeding de-
3 vice transferred to the individual by the agency upon
4 that retirement; or

5 “(D) a manufacture, transfer, or possession of
6 a large capacity ammunition feeding device by a li-
7 censed manufacturer or licensed importer for the
8 purposes of testing or experimentation authorized by
9 the Attorney General.”.

10 (c) PENALTIES.—Section 924(a) of such title is
11 amended by adding at the end the following:

12 “(8) Whoever knowingly violates section 922(v) shall
13 be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 10
14 years, or both.”.

15 (d) IDENTIFICATION MARKINGS.—Section 923(i) of
16 such title is amended by adding at the end the following:
17 “A large capacity ammunition feeding device manufac-
18 tured after the date of the enactment of this sentence shall
19 be identified by a serial number that clearly shows that
20 the device was manufactured after such date of enactment,
21 and such other identification as the Attorney General may
22 by regulation prescribe.”.

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