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To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit a Federal firearms licensee from selling or delivering certain semiautomatic centerfire rifles to a person under 21 years of age, with exceptions for active duty military personnel and full-time law enforcement officers, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BROWN of Maryland (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. BASS, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. COHEN, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. KHANNA, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. NORTON, Mr. RASKIN, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mr. SOTO, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. FOSTER, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, and Ms. MATSUI) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Raise the Age Act”.

3 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSEE**
4 **SELLING OR DELIVERING CERTAIN SEMI-**
5 **AUTOMATIC CENTERFIRE RIFLES TO A PER-**
6 **SON UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE, WITH EXCEP-**
7 **TIONS.**

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

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

13 “(B) any semiautomatic centerfire rifle that has
14 or accepts a magazine with a capacity exceeding 5
15 rounds, to any individual who the licensee knows or
16 has reasonable cause to believe has not attained 21
17 years of age and is not a qualified individual; or

18 “(C) if the firearm or ammunition is not a
19 semiautomatic centerfire rifle described in subpara-
20 graph (B) and is other than a shotgun or rifle, or
21 ammunition for a shotgun or rifle, to any individual
22 who the licensee knows or has reasonable cause to
23 believe has not attained 21 years of age;”.

24 (b) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—Section 922(c)(1)
25 of such title is amended by striking “in the case of any
26 firearm” and all that follows through “eighteen years or

1 more of age” and inserting “in the case of a semiauto-
2 matic centerfire rifle that has or accepts a magazine with
3 a capacity exceeding 5 rounds, I am at least 21 years of
4 age or a qualified individual (as defined in section
5 921(a)(30) of title 18, United States Code), in the case
6 of a firearm other than a semiautomatic centerfire rifle
7 that has or accepts a magazine with a capacity exceeding
8 5 rounds, a shotgun or a rifle, I am at least 21 years
9 of age, or that, in the case of a shotgun or a rifle, I am
10 at least 18 years of age”.

11 (c) QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL DEFINED.—Section
12 921(a) of such title is amended by inserting after para-
13 graph (29) the following:

14 “(30) The term ‘qualified individual’ means—

15 “(A) a member of the Armed Forces on active
16 duty; and

17 “(B) a full-time employee of the United States,
18 a State, or a political subdivision of a State who in
19 the course of his or her official duties is authorized
20 to carry a firearm.”.

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

23 (a) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date
24 of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the Federal
25 Bureau of Investigation (in this section referred to as the

1 “FBI”) shall submit to the Committee on the Judiciary
2 of the Senate and the Committee on the Judiciary of the
3 House of Representatives a report regarding operation of
4 the FBI’s public access line.

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

7 (1) A description of the protocols and proce-
8 dures in effect with respect to information-sharing
9 between the public access line and the field offices
10 of the FBI.

11 (2) Recommendations for improving the proto-
12 cols and procedures to improve the information-shar-
13 ing.

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