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H. R. 2392

To require a seven-day waiting period before the receipt of a firearm.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SLOTKIN (for herself, Ms. KUSTER, and Mr. TRONE) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Pause for Gun Safety
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. 7-DAY WAITING PERIOD REQUIRED BEFORE THE**
7 **RECEIPT OF A FIREARM.**

8 (a) PROHIBITION.—Section 922 of title 18, United
9 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
10 lowing:

1 “(aa)(1) It shall be unlawful for any person, in or
2 affecting interstate or foreign commerce, to transfer a fire-
3 arm to a person not licensed under this chapter unless
4 at least 7 calendar days have elapsed since the transferee
5 most recently offered to take possession of the firearm.

6 “(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply to a temporary
7 transfer if the transferor has no reason to believe that the
8 transferee will use or intends to use the firearm in a crime
9 or is prohibited from possessing firearms under State or
10 Federal law, and the transfer takes place and the trans-
11 feree’s possession of the firearm is exclusively—

12 “(A) at a shooting range or in a shooting gal-
13 lery or other area designated for the purpose of tar-
14 get shooting;

15 “(B) while reasonably necessary for the pur-
16 poses of hunting, trapping, pest control on a farm
17 or ranch, or fishing, if the transferor—

18 “(i) has no reason to believe that the
19 transferee intends to use the firearm in a place
20 where it is illegal; and

21 “(ii) has reason to believe that the trans-
22 feree will comply with all licensing and permit
23 requirements for such hunting, trapping, pest
24 control on a farm or ranch, or fishing; or

25 “(C) while in the presence of the transferor.”.

1 (b) PENALTIES.—Section 924(a) of such title is
2 amended by adding at the end the following:

3 “(8) Whoever knowingly violates section 922(aa)
4 shall be fined not more than \$250,000, imprisoned not
5 more than 5 years, or both.”.

6 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

7 The amendments made by this Act shall apply to con-
8 duct engaged in after the 90-day period that begins with
9 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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