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H. R. 1145

To amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to require the safe storage of firearms, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 21, 2023

Ms. SLOTKIN (for herself and Ms. SCHOLTEN) 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 “Safe Guns, Safe Kids
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SECURE GUN STORAGE OR SAFETY DEVICE.**

7 Section 922(z) of title 18, United States Code, is
8 amended by adding at the end the following:

9 “(4) SECURE GUN STORAGE BY OWNERS.—

10 “(A) OFFENSE.—

1 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Except as pro-
2 vided in clause (ii), it shall be unlawful for
3 a person to knowingly store or keep any
4 firearm that has moved in, or that has oth-
5 erwise affected, interstate or foreign com-
6 merce on the premises of a residence under
7 the control of the person if—

8 “(I) the person knows, or reason-
9 ably should know, that a minor is
10 likely to gain access to the firearm
11 without the permission of the parent
12 or guardian of the minor; and

13 “(II) a minor obtains the firearm
14 and uses the firearm in the commis-
15 sion of a crime or causes injury or
16 death to such minor, or any other in-
17 dividual.

18 “(ii) EXCEPTION.—Clause (i) shall
19 not apply to a person if the person—

20 “(I) keeps the firearm—

21 “(aa) secure using a secure
22 gun storage or safety device; or

23 “(bb) in a location which a
24 reasonable person would believe
25 to be secure; or

1 “(II) carries the firearm on his
2 or her person or within such close
3 proximity thereto that the person can
4 readily retrieve and use the firearm as
5 if the person carried the firearm on
6 his or her person.

7 “(B) PENALTY.—Whoever violates sub-
8 paragraph (A) shall be fined under this title,
9 imprisoned for not more than 5 years, or both.

10 “(C) MINOR DEFINED.—In this paragraph,
11 the term ‘minor’ means an individual who is
12 less than 18 years of age.”.

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