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# H. R. 4168

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 31, 2017

Mr. FITZPATRICK (for himself, Ms. TITUS, Mr. TROTT, and Mr. KILDEE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## 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 “Closing the Bump-  
5 Stock Loophole Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. BUMP FIRE STOCK AND OTHER DEVICES DESIGNED**  
2 **TO ACCELERATE RATE OF FIRE OF SEMI-**  
3 **AUTOMATIC WEAPON TREATED IN SAME**  
4 **MANNER AS MACHINE GUN.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5845(a) of the Internal  
6 Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “and (8)”  
7 and inserting the following: “(8) a reciprocating stock, or  
8 any other device which is designed to accelerate substan-  
9 tially the rate of fire of a semiautomatic weapon; and (9)”.

10 (b) SEMIAUTOMATIC WEAPON.—Section 5845 of  
11 such Code is amended by adding at the end the following  
12 new subsection:

13 “(n) SEMIAUTOMATIC WEAPON.—The term ‘semi-  
14 automatic weapon’ means any repeating weapon that—

15 “(1) utilizes a portion of the energy of a firing  
16 cartridge to extract the fired cartridge case and  
17 chamber the next round, and

18 “(2) requires a separate function of the trigger  
19 to fire each cartridge.”.

20 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by  
22 this section shall take effect on the date of the en-  
23 actment of this Act.

24 (2) APPLICATION TO POSSESSION ON DATE OF  
25 ENACTMENT.—Notwithstanding paragraph (1), any  
26 person on the date of the enactment of this Act pos-

1       sessing a device described in section 5845(a)(8) of  
2       the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (as amended by  
3       this Act) shall, not later than the date that is 1 year  
4       after the date of the enactment of this Act, register  
5       such device with the Secretary of the Treasury and  
6       include with such registration the information re-  
7       quired under section 5841(a) of such Code. Such  
8       registration shall become a part of the National  
9       Firearms Registration and Transfer Record required  
10      to be maintained by such section.

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