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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 19, 2017

Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. WARREN, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Ms. DUCKWORTH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

To amend title 18, United States Code, to require federally licensed firearms importers, manufacturers, and dealers to meet certain requirements with respect to securing their firearms inventory, business records, and business premises.

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 “Safety Enhancements  
5 for Communities Using Reasonable and Effective Firearm  
6 Storage Act” or the “SECURE Firearm Storage Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SECURITY REQUIREMENTS FOR FEDERALLY LI-**  
 2 **CENSED FIREARMS IMPORTERS, MANUFAC-**  
 3 **TURERS, AND DEALERS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 923 of title 18, United  
 5 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
 6 lowing:

7 “(m) SECURITY REQUIREMENTS.—

8 “(1) RELATION TO PROVISION GOVERNING GUN  
 9 SHOWS.—This subsection shall apply to a licensed  
 10 importer, licensed manufacturer, or licensed dealer  
 11 except as provided in subsection (j).

12 “(2) FIREARM STORAGE.—

13 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A person who is a li-  
 14 censed importer, licensed manufacturer, or li-  
 15 censed dealer shall keep and store each firearm  
 16 in the business inventory of the licensee at the  
 17 premises covered by the license.

18 “(B) MEANS OF STORAGE.—When the  
 19 premises covered by the license are not open for  
 20 business, the licensee shall, with respect to each  
 21 firearm in the business inventory of the li-  
 22 censee—

23 “(i) secure the firearm with a hard-  
 24 ened steel rod  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch thick through the  
 25 space between the trigger guard, and the  
 26 frame or receiver, of the firearm, with—

1           “(I) the steel rod secured by a  
2           hardened steel lock that has a shackle;

3           “(II) the lock and shackle pro-  
4           tected or shielded from the use of a  
5           bolt cutter; and

6           “(III) the rod anchored to pre-  
7           vent the removal of the firearm from  
8           the premises; or

9           “(ii) store the firearm in—

10           “(I) a locked fireproof safe;

11           “(II) a locked gun cabinet (and if  
12           the locked gun cabinet is not steel,  
13           each firearm within the cabinet shall  
14           be secured with a hardened steel rod  
15            $\frac{1}{4}$  inch thick, protected or shielded  
16           from the use of a bolt cutter and an-  
17           chored to prevent the removal of the  
18           firearm from the premises); or

19           “(III) a locked vault.

20           “(3) PAPER RECORD STORAGE.—When the  
21           premises covered by the license are not open for  
22           business, the licensee shall store each paper record  
23           of the business inventory and firearm transactions  
24           of, and other dispositions of firearms by, the licensee

1 at the premises in a secure location such as a locked  
 2 fireproof safe or locked vault.

3 “(4) ADDITIONAL SECURITY REQUIREMENTS.—  
 4 The Attorney General may, by regulation, prescribe  
 5 such additional security requirements as the Attor-  
 6 ney General determines appropriate with respect to  
 7 the firearms business conducted by a licensed im-  
 8 porter, licensed manufacturer, or licensed dealer,  
 9 such as requirements relating to the use of—

10 “(A) alarm and security camera systems;

11 “(B) site hardening; and

12 “(C) other measures necessary to reduce  
 13 the risk of theft at the business premises of a  
 14 licensee.”.

15 (b) PENALTIES.—Section 924 of title 18, United  
 16 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
 17 lowing:

18 “(q) PENALTIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE WITH FIRE-  
 19 ARMS LICENSEE SECURITY REQUIREMENTS.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—

21 “(A) PENALTY.—With respect to a viola-  
 22 tion by a licensee of section 923(m) or a regula-  
 23 tion issued under that section, the Attorney  
 24 General, after notice and opportunity for hear-  
 25 ing—

1           “(i) in the case of the first violation  
2 or related series of violations on the same  
3 date, shall subject the licensee to a civil  
4 penalty in an amount equal to not less  
5 than \$1,000 and not more than \$10,000;

6           “(ii) in the case of the second viola-  
7 tion or related series of violations on the  
8 same date—

9                   “(I) shall suspend the license  
10 issued to the licensee under this chap-  
11 ter until the licensee cures the viola-  
12 tion; and

13                   “(II) may subject the licensee to  
14 a civil penalty in an amount provided  
15 in clause (i); or

16           “(iii) in the case of the third violation  
17 or related series of violations on the same  
18 date—

19                   “(I) shall revoke the license  
20 issued to the licensee under this chap-  
21 ter; and

22                   “(II) may subject the licensee to  
23 a civil penalty in an amount provided  
24 in clause (i).

1           “(B) REVIEW.—An action of the Attorney  
2           General under this paragraph may be reviewed  
3           only as provided under section 923(f).

4           “(2) ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES.—The imposi-  
5           tion of a civil penalty or suspension or revocation of  
6           a license under paragraph (1) shall not preclude any  
7           administrative remedy that is otherwise available to  
8           the Attorney General.”.

9           (c) APPLICATION REQUIREMENT.—Section 923 of  
10          title 18, United States Code, is amended—

11           (1) in subsection (a), in the second sentence, by  
12           striking “be in such form and contain only that”  
13           and inserting “describe how the applicant plans to  
14           comply with subsection (m) and shall be in such  
15           form and contain only such other”; and

16           (2) in subsection (d)(1)—

17           (A) in subparagraph (F), by striking  
18           “and” at the end;

19           (B) in subparagraph (G), by striking the  
20           period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

21           (C) by adding at the end the following:

22           “(H) the Attorney General determines that the  
23           description in the application of how the applicant  
24           plans to comply with subsection (m) would, if imple-  
25           mented, so comply.”.

1 (d) EFFECTIVE DATES.—

2 (1) INITIAL FIREARM STORAGE REQUIRE-  
3 MENTS.—Section 923(m)(2) of title 18, United  
4 States Code, as added by subsection (a), shall take  
5 effect on the date that is 1 year after the date of  
6 enactment of this Act.

7 (2) INITIAL PAPER RECORDS STORAGE RE-  
8 QUIREMENTS.—Section 923(m)(3) of title 18,  
9 United States Code, as added by subsection (a),  
10 shall take effect on the date that is 90 days after  
11 the date of enactment of this Act.

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