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H. R. 5436

To prohibit the sale of a firearm unless the firearm or packaging carries a label that provides the number of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BROWNLEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Gun Suicide Preven-
5 tion Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. LABELING REQUIREMENT.**

7 (a) PROHIBITION.—Notwithstanding the exclusion of
8 firearms from the definition of consumer product in sec-
9 tion 3(a)(5)(E) of the Consumer Product Safety Act (15
10 U.S.C. 2052(a)(5)(E)), it shall be unlawful for a manufac-

1 turer or retailer to sell or offer for sale any firearm that
2 does not meet the requirements of subsection (b).

3 (b) NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE
4 LABEL.—A firearm meets the requirements of this sub-
5 section if a clear and conspicuous label is attached to the
6 firearm or appears on any packaging of the firearm and
7 on any descriptive material included with the firearm
8 that—

9 (1) is written in both English and Spanish;

10 (2) in English, reads “IF YOU OR SOMEONE
11 YOU KNOW IS CONTEMPLATING SUICIDE,
12 PLEASE CALL THE NATIONAL SUICIDE
13 PREVENTION LIFELINE AT” followed by the
14 toll-free phone number of the National Suicide Pre-
15 vention Lifeline, maintained by the Assistant Sec-
16 retary for Mental Health and Substance Use under
17 section 520E–3 of the Public Health Service Act (42
18 U.S.C. 290bb–36c), or any successor to such toll-
19 free number; and

20 (3) contains a yellow triangle containing an ex-
21 clamation mark that appears immediately before the
22 words “IF YOU” on the label.

23 (c) ENFORCEMENT.—A violation of the prohibition in
24 subsection (a) shall be treated as a violation of section
25 19(a) of the Consumer Product Safety Act (15 U.S.C.

1 2068). Any person who violates subsection (a) shall be
2 subject to the penalties set forth in section 20 and 21 of
3 such Act (15 U.S.C. 2069; 2070).

4 (d) RETAILER DEFINED.—In this section, the term
5 “retailer” includes a dealer, as such term is definition in
6 section 921(a) of title 18, United States Code.

7 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This Act shall take effect on
8 the date that is two years after the date of enactment of
9 this Act.

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