

# Union Calendar No. 749

118<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 3269

**[Report No. 118–917, Part I]**

To modernize Federal firearms laws to account for advancements in technology and less-than-lethal weapons, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 11, 2023

Mr. STANTON (for himself, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. STAUBER, Mr. GALLEGRO, Mr. CORREA, and Mr. BIGGS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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Additional sponsors: Mr. FINSTAD, Mr. MILLS, Ms. LEE of Florida, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. ISSA, Mrs. FISCHBACH, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Mrs. HINSON, Mr. GUEST, Mrs. LESKO, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. STEUBE, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. FRY, Mr. CRANE, Mr. CISCOMANI, Mr. HUNT, Ms. CROCKETT, Mr. BURLISON, Mr. EZELL, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. CLINE, Mr. NEHLS, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. KEAN of New Jersey, Mr. VASQUEZ, Ms. HAGEMAN, Mr. OWENS, Mr. MOLINARO, Mr. HERN, Mr. LUTTRELL, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. FLOOD, Mr. TIFFANY, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. CUELLAR, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mr. ZINKE, Ms. CRAIG, Mr. CAREY, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. LAHOOD, Ms. MALOY, Ms. VAN DUYN, Mr. LAWLER, Mr. OGLE, Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia, Mr. ALLRED, Mr. DAVIDSON, Ms. WILD, Mr. GOODEN of Texas, Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. SMUCKER, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. FERGUSON, and Ms. PEREZ

DECEMBER 18, 2024

Reported from the Committee on Ways and Means with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

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Committee on the Judiciary discharged; committed to the Committee of the  
Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on May 11, 2023]

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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 “Law Enforcement Inno-*  
5 *vate to De-Escalate Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. EXEMPTION OF CERTAIN LESS-THAN-LETHAL PRO-**  
7 **JECTILE DEVICES FROM RESTRICTIONS**  
8 **UNDER TITLE 18, UNITED STATES CODE.**

9 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 921(a) of title 18, United*  
10 *States Code, is amended—*

11 *(1) in the 2nd sentence of paragraph (3), by in-*  
12 *serting “or a less-than-lethal projectile device” before*  
13 *the period; and*

14 *(2) by adding at the end the following:*

15 *“(38) The term ‘less-than-lethal projectile device’*  
16 *means a device with a bore or multiple bores, that—*

17 *“(A) is not designed or intended to expel a pro-*  
18 *jectile at a velocity exceeding 500 feet per second by*  
19 *any means; and*

20 *“(B) is designed or intended to be used in a*  
21 *manner that is not likely to cause death or serious*  
22 *bodily injury.”.*

1 **SEC. 3. EXEMPTION OF CERTAIN LESS-THAN-LETHAL PRO-**  
2 **JECTILE DEVICES FROM FIREARMS AND AM-**  
3 **MUNITION TAX.**

4 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Section 4182 of the Internal Rev-  
5 enue Code of 1986 is amended by redesignating subsection  
6 (d) as subsection (e) and by inserting after subsection (c)  
7 the following new subsection:

8 “(d) *LESS-THAN-LETHAL PROJECTILE DEVICES.*—

9 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—The tax imposed by section  
10 4181 shall not apply to—

11 “(A) any less-than-lethal projectile device,

12 “(B) any device contained on the most re-  
13 cent list made available by the Secretary under  
14 paragraph (3)(B), and

15 “(C) any shell or cartridge that meets the  
16 requirement of paragraph (2)(B) and is designed  
17 for use in a device referred to in subparagraph  
18 (A) or (B).

19 “(2) *LESS-THAN-LETHAL PROJECTILE DEVICE.*—  
20 The term ‘less-than-lethal projectile device’ means a  
21 device with a bore or multiple bores, that—

22 “(A) is not designed or intended to expel a  
23 projectile at a velocity exceeding 500 feet per sec-  
24 ond by any means, and

1           “(B) is designed or intended to be used in  
2           a manner that is not likely to cause death or se-  
3           rious bodily injury.

4           “(3) ANNUAL REVIEW OF NEW AND EMERGING  
5           TECHNOLOGIES.—

6           “(A) LIST OF LESS-THAN-LETHAL PROJEC-  
7           TILE DEVICES.—The Secretary shall make pub-  
8           licly available a list of devices that the Secretary  
9           has determined are described in paragraph (2)  
10          and shall update such list annually to take into  
11          account new devices.

12          “(B) LIST OF NON-LETHAL DEVICES THE  
13          PROJECTILES OF WHICH EXCEED 500 FEET PER  
14          SECOND.—

15          “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall  
16          make publicly available a list of devices  
17          that the Secretary has determined are not  
18          described in paragraph (2) but would be so  
19          described if such paragraph were applied  
20          without regard to subparagraph (A) thereof,  
21          and shall update such list annually to take  
22          into account new devices.

23          “(ii) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The Sec-  
24          retary shall annually submit a written re-  
25          port to the Committee on Ways and Means





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