

119TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4143

To amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the distribution of 3D printer plans for the printing of firearms, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 25, 2025

Mr. MOSKOWITZ (for himself, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, and Mr. SCHNEIDER) 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 the “3D Printed Gun Safety
5 Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) Three dimensional, or “3D”, printing in-
9 volves the programming of a 3D printing machine

1 with a computer file that provides the schematics for
2 the item to be printed.

3 (2) Recent technological developments have al-
4 lowed for the 3D printing of firearms and firearm
5 parts, including parts made out of plastic, by unli-
6 censed individuals in possession of relatively inexpen-
7 sive 3D printers.

8 (3) Because 3D printing allows individuals to
9 make their own firearms out of plastic, they may be
10 able to evade detection by metal detectors at security
11 checkpoints, increasing the risk that a firearm will
12 be used to perpetrate violence on an airplane or
13 other area where people congregate.

14 (4) The availability of online schematics for the
15 3D printing of firearms and firearm parts increases
16 the risk that dangerous people, including felons, do-
17 mestic abusers, and other people prohibited from
18 possessing firearms under Federal law, will obtain a
19 firearm through 3D printing.

20 (5) On June 7, 2013, an assailant used a gun
21 he had constructed by himself to kill his father,
22 brother, and 3 other people at Santa Monica College
23 in California. The person had failed a background
24 check when he tried to purchase a gun from a li-
25 censed gun dealer. The gun he used was made from

1 an unfinished AR–15-style receiver, similar to a re-
2 ceiver that can now be made with a 3D printer.

3 (6) Firearms tracing is a powerful investigative
4 tool. When law enforcement agencies recover fire-
5 arms that have been used in crimes, the agencies
6 work with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms
7 and Explosives to trace these firearms to their first
8 retail purchaser. The agencies can use that informa-
9 tion to investigate and solve the crimes. In 2024, the
10 Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explo-
11 sives processed more than 639,295 trace requests.

12 (7) Firearms tracing depends on the ability to
13 identify firearms based on their serial number. Tra-
14 ditionally, when a firearm is manufactured domesti-
15 cally or imported from abroad, it is engraved with
16 a serial number and markings that identify the man-
17 ufacturer or importer, make, model, and caliber, and
18 are unique to the firearm. Firearms made by unli-
19 censed individuals with 3D printers, however, do not
20 contain genuine serial numbers.

21 (8) Criminals seek firearms without serial num-
22 bers because they cannot be traced. In July 2018,
23 the Los Angeles Police Department completed a 6-
24 month-long investigation that resulted in the seizure
25 of 45 firearms, some of which had been assembled

1 without serial numbers in order to be untraceable.
2 In 2023, the Metropolitan Police Department in the
3 District of Columbia recovered 407 ghost guns. If
4 the schematics for 3D printing firearms and firearm
5 parts are available online, people intending to com-
6 mit gun crimes may create similarly untraceable
7 firearms in order to avoid accountability for these
8 crimes.

9 (9) Interstate gun trafficking, including the
10 trafficking of untraceable firearms, interferes with
11 lawful commerce in firearms and significantly con-
12 tributes to gun crime. The Bureau of Alcohol, To-
13 bacco, Firearms and Explosives discovered 46,037
14 guns from 2017 to 2021 that were trafficked inter-
15 state.

16 (10) The proliferation of 3D-printed firearms
17 threatens to undermine the entire Federal firearms
18 regulatory scheme and to endanger public safety and
19 national security. By making illegal the distribution
20 of certain computer code that can be used automati-
21 cally to program 3D printers and create firearms—
22 the only means of combating this unique threat—
23 Congress seeks not to regulate the rights of com-
24 puter programmers under the First Amendment to
25 the Constitution of the United States, but rather to

1 curb the pernicious effects of untraceable—and po-
2 tentially undetectable—firearms.

3 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION.**

4 Section 922 of title 18, United States Code, is
5 amended by adding at the end the following:

6 “(aa) DISTRIBUTION OF CODE FOR 3D PRINTED
7 FIREARMS.—It shall be unlawful for any person to inten-
8 tionally distribute, over the internet or by means of the
9 World Wide Web, digital instructions in the form of Com-
10 puter Aided Design files or other code that can automati-
11 cally program a 3-dimensional printer or similar device to
12 produce a firearm or complete a firearm from an unfin-
13 ished frame or receiver.”.

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