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H. R. 3466

To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the possession of a handgun or handgun ammunition by, or the private transfer of a handgun or handgun ammunition to, a juvenile.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 8, 1993

Mr. OBEY 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 “Juvenile Handgun
5 Safety Act of 1993”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION OF THE POSSESSION OF A HANDGUN**
2 **OR HANDGUN AMMUNITION BY, OR THE PRI-**
3 **VATE TRANSFER OF A HANDGUN OR HAND-**
4 **GUN AMMUNITION TO, A JUVENILE.**

5 (a) DEFINITION.—Section 921(a) of title 18, United
6 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the follow-
7 ing:

8 “(29) The term ‘handgun’ means—

9 “(A) a firearm that has a short stock and is de-
10 signed to be held and fired by the use of a single
11 hand; and

12 “(B) any combination of parts from which a
13 firearm described in subparagraph (A) can be as-
14 sembled.”.

15 (b) OFFENSE.—Section 922 of such title is amended
16 by adding at the end the following:

17 “(s)(1)(A) It shall be unlawful for any person to sell,
18 deliver, or transfer to a juvenile—

19 “(i) a handgun; or

20 “(ii) ammunition that is suitable for use only in
21 a handgun.

22 “(B) Subparagraph (A) shall not apply to a transfer
23 of a handgun to a juvenile—

24 “(i) with the permission of a parent, grand-
25 parent, or legal guardian of the juvenile;

1 “(ii) for target practice, hunting, competition,
2 or a course of instruction in the safe use of a hand-
3 gun, under the supervision of an adult who is not
4 prohibited by Federal, State, or local law from pos-
5 sessing a firearm; and

6 “(iii) in accordance with State and local law.

7 “(2)(A) It shall be unlawful for any person who is
8 a juvenile to possess—

9 “(i) a handgun; or

10 “(ii) ammunition that is suitable for use only in
11 a handgun.

12 “(B) Subparagraph (A) shall not apply to the posses-
13 sion of a handgun by a juvenile—

14 “(i) during target practice, hunting, competi-
15 tion, or a course of instruction in the safe use of a
16 handgun, under the supervision of an adult who is
17 not prohibited by Federal, State, or local law from
18 possessing a firearm; and

19 “(ii) in accordance with State and local law.

20 “(3) For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘juve-
21 nile’ means a person who has not attained 18 years of
22 age.”.

23 (c) PENALTY.—Section 924(a) of such title is amend-
24 ed—

1 (1) in paragraph (1) by striking “paragraph (2)
2 or (3) of”; and

3 (2) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(5) A person who knowingly violates section 922(s)
5 shall be fined not more than \$1,000, imprisoned for not
6 more than 1 year, or both.”.

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