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To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the possession or transfer of assault weapons.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GUTIERREZ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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Additional sponsors: Mr. RANGEL, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. JOHNSTON of Florida, Mr. RUSH, Ms. FURSE, Mrs. BYRNE, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. BLACKWELL, and Mr. CONYERS)

A BILL

To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the possession or transfer of assault weapons.

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. PROHIBITION AGAINST POSSESSION OR TRANS-**
4 **FER OF ASSAULT WEAPONS.**

5 (a) PROHIBITION.—Section 922 of title 18, United
6 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the follow-
7 ing:

1 “(s)(1)(A) It shall be unlawful for any person to pos-
2 sess an assault weapon, unless the weapon was lawfully
3 and continuously possessed by the person since before the
4 date of the enactment of this subsection.

5 “(B) It shall be unlawful for any person to transfer
6 an assault weapon.

7 “(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply to any firearm
8 which the Secretary has determined is of a type that is
9 generally recognized as particularly suitable for or readily
10 adaptable to sporting purposes.”.

11 (b) ASSAULT WEAPON DEFINED.—Section 921(a) of
12 such title is amended by adding at the end the following:

13 “(29) The term ‘assault weapon’ means—

14 “(A) any repeating firearm which uses a por-
15 tion of the energy of a firing cartridge to extract the
16 fired cartridge case and chamber the next round,
17 and which requires a separate pull of the trigger to
18 fire each cartridge; and

19 “(B) any shotgun which contains its ammuni-
20 tion in a revolving cylinder.”.

21 (c) PENALTIES.—

22 (1) UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OR TRANSFER OF
23 ASSAULT WEAPON.—Section 924(a)(1)(B) of such
24 title is amended by striking “or (q)” and inserting
25 “(r), or (s)”.

1 (2) ENHANCED PENALTY FOR POSSESSION OR
2 USE OF ASSAULT WEAPON DURING CRIME OF VIO-
3 LENCE OR DRUG TRAFFICKING CRIME.—Section
4 924(c)(1) of such title is amended by striking “and
5 if the firearm is a short-barreled rifle, short-barreled
6 shotgun” and inserting “if the firearm is an assault
7 weapon, a short-barreled rifle, or a short-barreled
8 shotgun,”.

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