

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 7016

To establish a task force to address the national security and safety issues presented by the manufacturing of prohibited firearms, munitions, and related materials through the use of 3–D printing technology, to prohibit the use of 3–D printing technology to make a firearm, ammunition, or a component of a firearm or ammunition, and to prohibit the possession or transfer of a firearm, ammunition, or component so made, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 2, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE (for herself, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Ms. MOORE, and Ms. NORTON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Protect Lives and Stop
3 the Imminent Chaos Act” or the “PLASTIC Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. TASK FORCE.**

5 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—The Attorney General shall
6 establish a task force that includes the following:

7 (1) The Secretary of Homeland Security.

8 (2) The Director of the Federal Bureau of In-
9 vestigation.

10 (3) The Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, To-
11 bacco, Firearms, and Explosives.

12 (4) The Director of the National Institute of
13 Standards and Technology.

14 (b) **DUTIES.**—The task force shall do the following:

15 (1) Address national security and safety issues
16 presented by the manufacturing of munitions
17 through 3–D printing technology.

18 (2) Address national security and safety issues
19 involving 3–D printer manufacturers and suppliers
20 of materials, component parts, and ancillary items,
21 including composite materials used in 3–D printing
22 applications.

23 (3) Address the use and development of the
24 technology to produce prohibited or unlawful items
25 such as firearms, ammunition, component parts of
26 firearms, or other materials that may be used to

1 support or facilitate unlawful acts, including the
2 smuggling of illicit or illegal materials which may in-
3 clude weapons, hazardous materials, and other mate-
4 rials that present a public hazard or risk.

5 (4) Work with 3-D printer manufacturers and
6 suppliers of materials and component parts on ways
7 to protect the public from the misuse of 3-D print-
8 ing technology.

9 (5) Study and offer policy recommendations on
10 the national security threat imposed by undetectable
11 weapons, such as 3-D printed weapons that may not
12 contain the requisite 3.7 ounces of metal necessary
13 to set off metal detectors.

14 (6) Study and offer policy recommendations on
15 statutory and regulatory loopholes surrounding
16 untraceable weapons such as weapons that become
17 functional firearms but circumvent the manufactur-
18 ers' serial number requirement.

19 (7) Address the current loophole allowing the
20 serial number exemption for the so-called "80 per-
21 cent receiver," which is the central component that
22 houses the firing mechanism of the weapon and
23 which, by leaving the manufacturer as an unfinished
24 product, allows the serial number requirement to be
25 circumvented, because a purchaser may adapt "80

1 percent receivers” into a final product in a relatively
2 uncomplicated fashion.

3 (c) HEARINGS, ETC.—The task force may hold public
4 hearings and engage stakeholders to better understand the
5 scope of the benefits, threats, and challenges of 3-D print-
6 er technology.

7 (d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Within 6 months after
8 the date of the enactment of this Act, the task force shall
9 submit to the Congress a report on its findings.

10 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITIONS ON USING 3-D PRINTING TECH-**
11 **NOLOGY TO MAKE A FIREARM OR AMMUNI-**
12 **TION, AND ON POSSESSING OR TRANSFER-**
13 **RING A FIREARM OR AMMUNITION SO MADE.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 922 of title 18, United
15 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
16 lowing:

17 “(aa) It shall be unlawful for any person, in or affect-
18 ing interstate or foreign commerce, to—

19 “(1) make a firearm, ammunition, or a compo-
20 nent of a firearm or ammunition by use of a device
21 that can produce a 3-dimensional copy of an object;
22 or

23 “(2) possess or transfer any firearm, ammuni-
24 tion, or component of a firearm or ammunition so
25 made.”.

1 (b) PENALTIES.—Section 924(a) of such title is
2 amended by adding at the end the following:

3 “(8) Whoever knowingly violates section 922(aa)
4 shall be fined \$500,000, imprisoned not more than 50
5 years, or both.”.

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