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# H. R. 4271

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BROWNLEY of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

To prohibit the sale of a firearm unless it carries a warning label that provides the number of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

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 “Gun Suicide Preven-  
5 tion Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. LABELING REQUIREMENT.**

7 (a) PROHIBITION.—Notwithstanding the exclusion of  
8 firearms from the definition of consumer product in sec-  
9 tion 3(a)(5)(E) of the Consumer Product Safety Act (15  
10 U.S.C. 2052(a)(5)(E)), it shall be unlawful for a manufac-

1 turer or retailer to sell or offer for sale any firearm that  
2 does not meet the requirements of subsection (b).

3 (b) NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE  
4 LABEL.—A firearm meets the requirements of this sub-  
5 section if a clear and conspicuous warning label is at-  
6 tached to the firearm or appears on any packaging of the  
7 firearm and on any descriptive material included with the  
8 firearm that—

9 (1) is written in both English and Spanish;

10 (2) in English, reads “WARNING: IF YOU  
11 OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS CONTEM-  
12 PLATING SUICIDE, PLEASE CALL THE NA-  
13 TIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE  
14 AT” followed by the toll-free phone number of the  
15 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, maintained by  
16 the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Sub-  
17 stance Use under section 520E–3 of the Public  
18 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290bb–36c), or any  
19 successor to such toll-free number; and

20 (3) contains a yellow triangle containing an ex-  
21 clamation mark that appears immediately before the  
22 word “WARNING” on the label.

23 (c) ENFORCEMENT.—A violation of the prohibition in  
24 subsection (a) shall be treated as a violation of section  
25 19(a) of the Consumer Product Safety Act (15 U.S.C.

1 2068). Any person who violates subsection (a) shall be  
2 subject to the penalties set forth in section 20 and 21 of  
3 such Act (15 U.S.C. 2069; 2070).

4 (d) DEFINITION.—As used in this Act, the term “re-  
5 tailer” includes a dealer, as such term is definition in sec-  
6 tion 921(a) of title 18, United States Code.

7 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This Act shall take effect on  
8 the date that is two years after the date of enactment of  
9 this Act.

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