

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 381

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to update the definition of rifles, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 17, 2023

Mr. GOOD of Virginia (for himself, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. GOSAR, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, and Mr. GAETZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Protecting Individual
5 Sovereignty Through Our Laws Act” or the “PISTOL
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. UPDATED RIFLE DEFINITION UNDER NATIONAL**
2 **FIREARMS ACT.**

3 Section 5845(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of
4 1986 is amended to read as follows:

5 “(c) RIFLE.—The term ‘rifle’ means a weapon origi-
6 nally designed or redesigned, made or remade, and origi-
7 nally intended by its maker or manufacturer to be fired
8 from the shoulder and designed or redesigned and made
9 or remade to use the energy of the explosive in a fixed
10 cartridge to fire only a single projectile through a rifled
11 bore for each single pull of the trigger, and shall include
12 any such weapon which may be readily restored to fire
13 a fixed cartridge. For purposes of the preceding sentence,
14 such term shall not include a pistol equipped with a rear
15 brace or rear attachment which can be used to assist the
16 shooter in controlling the pistol, even if such brace or at-
17 tachment can also be placed against the shoulder.”.

18 **SEC. 3. UPDATED PISTOL DEFINITION UNDER CODE OF**
19 **FEDERAL REGULATIONS.**

20 Within 60 days of the date of the enactment of this
21 section, the Attorney General shall amend subpart B of
22 part 479 of subchapter B of chapter II of title 27, Code
23 of Federal Regulations to clarify that a pistol has the fol-
24 lowing definition:

25 “*Pistol.* A concealable weapon originally designed, made,
26 and intended to fire a projectile (bullet) from one or more

1 barrels when held by a user, and having (a) a chamber(s)
2 that is an integral part of, or permanently aligned with,
3 a bore(s); and (b) one or more short stocks designed to
4 be gripped by the user with said stocks at an angle to
5 and extending below the line of the bore(s). The presence
6 or absence of rear mounted braces or attachments which
7 can assist a user in controlling the pistol shall not cause
8 a firearm that otherwise meets this definition from being
9 considered a pistol.”.

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