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To provide for the licensing of firearm and ammunition possession and the registration of firearms, and to prohibit the possession of certain ammunition.

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Ms. JACKSON LEE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## 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 “Sabika Sheikh Firearm  
5 Licensing and Registration Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. LICENSING OF FIREARM AND AMMUNITION POSSES-**  
7 **SION; REGISTRATION OF FIREARMS.**

8 (a) FIREARM LICENSING AND REGISTRATION SYS-  
9 TEM.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 44 of title 18,  
2           United States Code, is amended by adding at the  
3           end the following:

4           **“§ 932. Licensing of firearm and ammunition posses-**  
5                                   **sion; registration of firearms**

6           “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General, through  
7           the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives,  
8           shall establish a system for licensing the possession of fire-  
9           arms or ammunition in the United States, and for the reg-  
10          istration with the Bureau of each firearm present in the  
11          United States.

12          “(b) FIREARM REGISTRATION SYSTEM.—

13                 “(1) REQUIRED INFORMATION.—Under the  
14                 firearm registration system, the owner of a firearm  
15                 shall transmit to the Bureau—

16                         “(A) the make, model, and serial number  
17                         of the firearm, the identity of the owner of the  
18                         firearm, the date the firearm was acquired by  
19                         the owner, and where the firearm is or will be  
20                         stored; and

21                         “(B) a notice specifying the identity of any  
22                         person to whom, and any period of time during  
23                         which, the firearm will be loaned to the person.

1           “(2) DEADLINE FOR SUPPLYING INFORMA-  
2           TION.—The transmission required by paragraph (1)  
3           shall be made—

4                   “(A) in the case of a firearm acquired be-  
5                   fore the effective date of this section, within 3  
6                   months after the effective date of this section;  
7                   or

8                   “(B) in the case of a firearm acquired on  
9                   or after the effective date, on the date the  
10                  owner acquires the firearm.

11          “(3) DATABASE.—

12                  “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General  
13                  shall establish and maintain a database of all  
14                  firearms registered pursuant to this subsection.

15                  “(B) ACCESS.—The Attorney General shall  
16                  make the contents of the database accessible to  
17                  all members of the public, all Federal, State,  
18                  and local law enforcement authorities, all  
19                  branches of the United States Armed Forces,  
20                  and all State and local governments, as defined  
21                  by the Bureau.

22          “(c) LICENSING SYSTEM.—

23                  “(1) REQUIREMENTS.—

24                   “(A) GENERAL LICENSE.—Except as oth-  
25                   erwise provided in this subsection, the Attorney

1           General shall issue to an individual a license to  
2           possess a firearm and ammunition if the indi-  
3           vidual—

4                   “(i) has attained 21 years of age;

5                   “(ii) after applying for the license—

6                           “(I) undergoes a criminal back-  
7                           ground check conducted by the na-  
8                           tional instant criminal background  
9                           check system established under sec-  
10                           tion 103 of the Brady Handgun Vio-  
11                           lence Prevention Act, and the check  
12                           does not indicate that possession of a  
13                           firearm by the individual would violate  
14                           subsection (g) or (n) of section 922 or  
15                           State law;

16                           “(II) undergoes a psychological  
17                           evaluation conducted in accordance  
18                           with paragraph (2), and the evalua-  
19                           tion does not indicate that the indi-  
20                           vidual is psychologically unsuited to  
21                           possess a firearm; and

22                           “(III) successfully completes a  
23                           training course, certified by the Attor-  
24                           ney General, in the use, safety, and

1 storage of firearms, that includes at  
2 least 24 hours of training; and

3 “(iii) demonstrates that, on issuance  
4 of the license, the individual will have in  
5 effect an insurance policy issued under  
6 subsection (d).

7 “(B) ANTIQUE FIREARM DISPLAY LI-  
8 CENSE.—The Attorney General shall issue to  
9 an individual a license to display an antique  
10 firearm in a residence of the individual if the  
11 individual—

12 “(i) is the holder of a license issued  
13 under subparagraph (A);

14 “(ii) supplies proof that the individual  
15 owns an antique firearm;

16 “(iii) describes the manner in which  
17 the firearm will be displayed in accordance  
18 with regulations prescribed by the Attorney  
19 General, and certifies that the firearm will  
20 be so displayed; and

21 “(iv) demonstrates that the individual  
22 has provided for storage of the firearm in  
23 a safe or facility approved by the Attorney  
24 General for the storage of firearms.

1           “(C) MILITARY-STYLE WEAPONS LI-  
2           CENSE.—The Attorney General shall issue to  
3           an individual a license to own and possess a  
4           military-style weapon if the individual—

5                   “(i) is the holder of a license issued  
6                   under subparagraph (A); and

7                   “(ii) after applying for a license under  
8                   this subparagraph, successfully completes a  
9                   training course, certified by the Attorney  
10                  General, in the use, safety, and storage of  
11                  the weapon, that includes at least 24 hours  
12                  of training and live fire training.

13           “(2) PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION.—A psycho-  
14           logical evaluation is conducted in accordance with  
15           this paragraph if—

16                   “(A) the evaluation is conducted in compli-  
17                   ance with such standards as shall be established  
18                   by the Attorney General;

19                   “(B) the evaluation is conducted by a li-  
20                   censed psychologist approved by the Attorney  
21                   General;

22                   “(C) as deemed necessary by the licensed  
23                   psychologist involved, the evaluation included a  
24                   psychological evaluation of other members of

1 the household in which the individual resides;  
2 and

3 “(D) as part of the psychological evalua-  
4 tion, the licensed psychologist interviewed any  
5 spouse of the individual, any former spouse of  
6 the individual, and at least 2 other persons who  
7 are a member of the family of, or an associate  
8 of, the individual to further determine the state  
9 of the mental, emotional, and relational stability  
10 of the individual in relation to firearms.

11 “(3) DENIAL OF LICENSE.—

12 “(A) REQUIRED.—The Attorney General  
13 shall deny such a license to an individual if—

14 “(i) the individual is prohibited by  
15 Federal law from possessing a firearm; or

16 “(ii) the individual has been hospital-  
17 ized—

18 “(I) with a mental illness, dis-  
19 turbance, or diagnosis (including de-  
20 pression, homicidal ideation, suicidal  
21 ideation, attempted suicide, or addic-  
22 tion to a controlled substance (within  
23 the meaning of the Controlled Sub-  
24 stances Act) or alcohol), or a brain

1 disease (including dementia or Alz-  
2 heimer's); or

3 “(II) on account of conduct that  
4 endangers self or others.

5 “(B) AUTHORIZED.—The Attorney Gen-  
6 eral may deny such a license to an individual  
7 if—

8 “(i) the psychological evaluation re-  
9 ferred to in paragraph (2) indicates that  
10 the individual—

11 “(I) has a chronic mental illness  
12 or disturbance, or a brain disease, re-  
13 ferred to in subparagraph (A)(ii)(I);

14 “(II) is addicted to a controlled  
15 substance (within the meaning of the  
16 Controlled Substances Act) or alcohol;  
17 or

18 “(III) has attempted to commit  
19 suicide; or

20 “(ii) prior psychological treatment or  
21 evaluation of the individual indicated that  
22 the individual engaged in conduct that  
23 posed a danger to self or others.

24 “(4) SUSPENSION OF LICENSE.—



1           “(A) IN GENERAL.—A license issued under  
2           this subsection to an individual who is under in-  
3           dictment for a crime punishable by imprison-  
4           ment for a term exceeding 1 year is hereby sus-  
5           pended.

6           “(B) AUTHORIZED FOR LACK OF FIREARM  
7           INSURANCE.—The Attorney General may sus-  
8           pend a license issued under this subsection to  
9           an individual who has violated section 922(dd)  
10          in the most recent 12-month period.

11          “(5) REVOCATION OF LICENSE.—A license  
12          issued under this subsection to an individual who is  
13          or becomes prohibited by Federal or State law from  
14          possessing a firearm is hereby revoked. Such an in-  
15          dividual shall immediately return the license, and  
16          surrender all firearms and ammunition owned or  
17          possessed by the individual, to the Attorney General.

18          “(6) EXPIRATION OF LICENSE.—A license  
19          issued to an individual under this subsection shall  
20          expire—

21                 “(A) in the case of a license that has been  
22                 in effect for less than 5 years, 1 year after  
23                 issuance or renewal, as the case may be; or

1           “(B) in the case of a license that has been  
2           in effect for at least 5 years, 3 years after the  
3           most recent date the license is renewed.

4           “(7) RENEWAL OF LICENSE.—The Attorney  
5           General shall renew a license issued to an individual  
6           under this subsection if the individual—

7           “(A) requests the renewal by the end of  
8           the 60-day period that begins with the date the  
9           license expires;

10           “(B) in the 3-year period ending with the  
11           date the renewal is requested—

12           “(i) has met the requirement of para-  
13           graph (1)(A)(ii)(II); and

14           “(ii) has successfully completed a  
15           training course, certified by the Attorney  
16           General, in the use, safety, and storage of  
17           firearms, that includes at least 8 hours of  
18           training;

19           “(C) meets the requirement of paragraph  
20           (1)(A)(iii); and

21           “(D) in the case of a license issued under  
22           paragraph (1)(C), in the 2-year period ending  
23           with the date the renewal is requested, has suc-  
24           cessfully completed a training course, certified  
25           by the Attorney General, that includes at least

1           8 hours of training in the use of the weapon  
2           subject to the license.

3           “(d) FIREARM INSURANCE.—

4           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General shall  
5           issue to any person who has applied for a license  
6           pursuant to subsection (c) and has paid to the At-  
7           torney General the fee specified in paragraph (2) of  
8           this subsection a policy that insures the person  
9           against liability for losses and damages resulting  
10          from the use of any firearm by the person during  
11          the 1-year period that begins with the date the pol-  
12          icy is issued.

13          “(2) FEE.—The fee specified in this paragraph  
14          is \$800.”.

15          (2) MILITARY-STYLE WEAPON DEFINED.—Sec-  
16          tion 921(a) of such title is amended by inserting  
17          after paragraph (29) the following:

18          “(30) The term ‘military-style weapon’ means—

19                 “(A) any of the firearms, or copies or duplicates  
20                 of the firearms in any caliber, known as—

21                         “(i) Norinco, Mitchell, and Poly Tech-  
22                         nologies Avtomat Kalashnikovs (all models);

23                         “(ii) Action Arms Israeli Military Indus-  
24                         tries UZI and Galil;

25                         “(iii) Beretta Ar70 (SC-70);

1 “(iv) Colt AR–15;

2 “(v) Fabrique National FN/FAL, FN/  
3 LAR, and FNC;

4 “(vi) SWD M–10, M–11, M–11/9, and M–  
5 12;

6 “(vii) Steyr AUG;

7 “(viii) INTRATEC TEC–9, TEC–DC9  
8 and TEC–22; and

9 “(ix) revolving cylinder shotguns, such as  
10 (or similar to) the Street Sweeper and Striker  
11 12;

12 “(B) a semiautomatic rifle that has an ability  
13 to accept a detachable magazine and has at least 2  
14 of—

15 “(i) a folding or telescoping stock;

16 “(ii) a pistol grip that protrudes conspicu-  
17 ously beneath the action of the weapon;

18 “(iii) a bayonet mount;

19 “(iv) a flash suppressor or threaded barrel  
20 designed to accommodate a flash suppressor;  
21 and

22 “(v) a grenade launcher;

23 “(C) a semiautomatic pistol that has an ability  
24 to accept a detachable magazine and has at least 2  
25 of—

1           “(i) an ammunition magazine that attaches  
2 to the pistol outside of the pistol grip;

3           “(ii) a threaded barrel capable of accepting  
4 a barrel extender, flash suppressor, forward  
5 handgrip, or silencer;

6           “(iii) a shroud that is attached to, or par-  
7 tially or completely encircles, the barrel and  
8 that permits the shooter to hold the firearm  
9 with the nontrigger hand without being burned;

10           “(iv) a manufactured weight of 50 ounces  
11 or more when the pistol is unloaded; and

12           “(v) a semiautomatic version of an auto-  
13 matic firearm; and

14           “(D) a semiautomatic shotgun that has at least  
15 2 of—

16           “(i) a folding or telescoping stock;

17           “(ii) a pistol grip that protrudes conspicu-  
18 ously beneath the action of the weapon;

19           “(iii) a fixed magazine capacity in excess  
20 of 5 rounds; and

21           “(iv) an ability to accept a detachable  
22 magazine.”.

23           (3) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-  
24 tions for such chapter is amended by adding at the  
25 end the following:

“932. Licensing of firearm and ammunition possession; registration of firearms.”.

1           (4) DEADLINE FOR ESTABLISHMENT.—Within  
2           1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act,  
3           the Attorney General shall prescribe final regula-  
4           tions to implement the amendments made by this  
5           subsection.

6           (b) PROHIBITIONS; PENALTIES.—

7           (1) PROHIBITIONS.—Section 922 of such title is  
8           amended by adding at the end the following:

9           “(aa) It shall be unlawful for a person to possess a  
10          firearm or ammunition, unless—

11           “(1) the person is carrying a valid license  
12          issued under section 932(e)(1); and

13           “(2)(A) in the case of a firearm owned by the  
14          person, the firearm is registered to the person under  
15          section 932(b); or

16           “(B) in the case of a firearm owned by another  
17          person—

18           “(i) the firearm is so registered to such  
19          other person; and

20           “(ii) such other person has notified the At-  
21          torney General that the firearm has been loaned  
22          to the person, and the possession is during the  
23          loan period specified in the notice.

1 “(bb)(1) It shall be unlawful for a person to transfer  
2 a firearm or ammunition to a person who is not licensed  
3 under section 932(c)(1).

4 “(2) It shall be unlawful for a person to sell or give  
5 a firearm or ammunition to another person unless the per-  
6 son has notified the Attorney General of the sale or gift.

7 “(3) It shall be unlawful for a person to loan a fire-  
8 arm or ammunition to another person unless the person  
9 has notified the Attorney General of the loan, including  
10 the identity of such other person and the period for which  
11 the loan is made.

12 “(4) It shall be unlawful for a person holding a valid  
13 license issued under section 932(c)(1) to transfer a fire-  
14 arm to an individual who has not attained 18 years of  
15 age.

16 “(cc) A person who possesses a firearm or to whom  
17 a license is issued under section 932(c)(1) shall have in  
18 effect an insurance policy issued under section 932(d).”.

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

21 “(8) Whoever knowingly violates section 922(aa)  
22 shall be fined not less than \$75,000 and not more than  
23 \$150,000, imprisoned not less than 15 years and not more  
24 than 25 years, or both.

1 “(9)(A) Whoever knowingly violates section  
2 922(bb)(1) shall be fined not less than \$50,000 and not  
3 more than \$75,000, imprisoned not less than 10 years and  
4 not more than 15 years, or both.

5 “(B) Whoever knowingly violates section 922(bb)(2)  
6 shall be fined not less than \$30,000 and not more than  
7 \$50,000, imprisoned not less than 5 years and not more  
8 than 10 years, or both.

9 “(C) Whoever knowingly violates section 922(bb)(3)  
10 shall be fined not less than \$5,000 and not more than  
11 \$10,000.

12 “(D) Whoever knowingly violates section 922(bb)(4)  
13 shall be fined not less than \$75,000 and not more than  
14 \$100,000, imprisoned not less than 15 years and not more  
15 than 25 years, or both, except that if the transferee of  
16 the firearm possess or uses the firearm during or in rela-  
17 tion to a crime, an unintentional shooting, or suicide, the  
18 transferor shall be fined not less than \$100,000 and not  
19 more than \$150,000, imprisoned not less than 25 years  
20 and not more than 40 years, or both.

21 “(10) Whoever knowingly violates section 922(cc)  
22 shall be fined not less than \$50,000 and not more than  
23 \$100,000, imprisoned not less than 10 years and not more  
24 than 20 years, or both.”.

25 (3) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—



1 (A) ELIMINATION OF PROHIBITION ON ES-  
2 TABLISHMENT OF CENTRALIZED FIREARM REG-  
3 ISTRATION SYSTEM.—Section 926(a) of such  
4 title is amended by striking the 2nd sentence.

5 (B) APPLICABILITY TO GOVERNMENTAL  
6 AND MILITARY FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION.—  
7 Section 925(a) of such title is amended in each  
8 of paragraphs (1) and (2), by inserting “and  
9 except for section 932,” after the 2nd comma.

10 (4) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made  
11 by this subsection shall take effect on the date final  
12 regulations are prescribed under subsection (a)(4).

13 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON POSSESSION OF CERTAIN AMMU-**  
14 **NITION.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 922 of title 18, United  
16 States Code, as amended by section 2 of this Act, is  
17 amended by adding at the end the following:

18 “(dd)(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to pos-  
19 sess ammunition that is 0.50 caliber or greater.

20 “(2)(A) It shall be unlawful for any person to possess  
21 a large capacity ammunition feeding device.

22 “(B) Subparagraph (A) shall not apply to—

23 “(i) the manufacture for, or possession by, the  
24 United States or a department or agency of the  
25 United States or a State or a department, agency,

1 or political subdivision of a State, or the possession  
2 by a law enforcement officer employed by such an  
3 entity for purposes of law enforcement (whether on  
4 or off duty);

5 “(ii) the possession by an employee or con-  
6 tractor of a licensee under title I of the Atomic En-  
7 ergy Act of 1954 on-site for purposes of establishing  
8 and maintaining an on-site physical protection sys-  
9 tem and security organization required by Federal  
10 law, or off-site for purposes of licensee-authorized  
11 training or transportation of nuclear materials;

12 “(iii) the manufacture or possession by a li-  
13 censed manufacturer or licensed importer for the  
14 purposes of testing or experimentation authorized by  
15 the Attorney General; or

16 “(iv) the manufacture for, or possession by, an  
17 organization that provides firearm training and that  
18 is registered with the Attorney General, or the pos-  
19 session by an individual to whom such an organiza-  
20 tion is providing firearm training during and at the  
21 location of the training.”.

22 (b) LARGE CAPACITY AMMUNITION FEEDING DE-  
23 VICE DEFINED.—Section 921(a) of such title, as amended  
24 by section 1 of this Act, is amended by inserting after  
25 paragraph (30) the following:

1       “(31) The term ‘large capacity ammunition feeding  
2 device’ means a magazine, belt, drum, feed strip, or simi-  
3 lar device that has a capacity of, or that can be readily  
4 restored or converted to accept, more than 10 rounds of  
5 ammunition, but does not include an attached tubular de-  
6 vice designed to accept, and capable of operating only  
7 with, .22 caliber rimfire ammunition.”.

8       (c) PENALTIES.—Section 924(a) of such title, as  
9 amended by section 2 of this Act, is amended by adding  
10 at the end the following:

11       “(11)(A) Whoever knowingly violates section  
12 922(dd)(1) shall be fined not less than \$50,000 and not  
13 more than \$100,000, imprisoned not less than 10 years  
14 and not more than 20 years, or both.

15       “(B) Whoever knowingly violates section 922(dd)(2)  
16 shall be fined not less than \$10,000 and not more than  
17 \$25,000, imprisoned not less than 1 year and not more  
18 than 5 years, or both.”.

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