

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to classify lethal
air guns as firearms.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MULLIN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

A BILL

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classify lethal air guns as firearms.

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 “Garrett’s Law”.

5 **SEC. 2. CLASSIFICATION OF LETHAL AIR GUNS AS FIRE-**
6 **ARMS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 921(a) of title 18, United
8 States Code, is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (3), by striking “or (D)” and
2 inserting “(D) any lethal air gun; or (E)”; and

3 (2) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(39) The term ‘lethal air gun’ means any
5 weapon (other than a weapon that exclusively expels
6 a paint-filled pellet) that expels a pellet through the
7 force of air or gas pressure if that projectile can be
8 one of the following calibers and feet per second, or
9 if the weapon is otherwise designated as a lethal air
10 gun by the Attorney General, through rulemaking,
11 as capable of causing death:

12 “(A) A .177 caliber pellet expelled at a
13 muzzle velocity of not less than 800 feet per
14 second.

15 “(B) A .22 caliber pellet expelled at a muz-
16 zle velocity of not less than 500 feet per second.

17 “(C) A .25 caliber pellet expelled at a muz-
18 zle velocity of not less than 450 feet per second.

19 “(D) Any metallic pellet above .25 cal-
20 iber.”.

21 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
22 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date that is 850
23 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

24 (c) GUIDANCE.—Not later than 365 days after the
25 date of enactment, the Attorney General shall publish, in-

1 cluding on the website of the Attorney General, guidance
2 to assist manufacturers of lethal air guns in becoming fed-
3 eral firearms licensees, including assistance with the appli-
4 cation process and on compliance with requirements for
5 licensees, including serialization and record keeping re-
6 quirements.