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To amend title 18, United States Code, to protect more victims of domestic violence by preventing their abusers from possessing or receiving firearms, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BROWN of Maryland (for himself, Mr. BEYER, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. FOSTER, Ms. HAALAND, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, Mr. LAWSON of Florida, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Ms. MATSUI, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. MCNERNEY, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. MOORE, Mr. MORELLE, Mr. MOULTON, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. NORTON, Ms. OMAR, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. PETERS, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. RASKIN, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mr. SIRES, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. YARMUTH, Mr. HIMES, and Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

To amend title 18, United States Code, to protect more victims of domestic violence by preventing their abusers from possessing or receiving firearms, and for other purposes.

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 Domestic  
5 Violence and Stalking Victims Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS OF “INTIMATE PARTNER” AND “MIS-**  
7 **DEMEANOR CRIME OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE”**  
8 **EXPANDED.**

9       Section 921(a) of title 18, United States Code, is  
10 amended—

11           (1) in paragraph (32)—

12                   (A) by striking “and an individual” and in-  
13                   serting “an individual”; and

14                   (B) by inserting “, or a dating partner (as  
15                   defined in section 2266)” before the period at  
16                   the end; and

17           (2) in paragraph (33)(A)—

18                   (A) by striking “Except as provided in  
19                   subparagraph (C), the” and inserting “The”;

20                   (B) in clause (i), by inserting “municipal,”  
21                   after “State,”; and

22                   (C) in clause (ii)—

23                           (i) by striking “or by” and inserting  
24                           “by”; and

1 (ii) by inserting “, or by a dating  
2 partner (as defined in section 2266) of the  
3 victim” before the period at the end.

4 **SEC. 3. EXPANSION OF LIST OF PERSONS SUBJECT TO A**  
5 **RESTRAINING OR SIMILAR ORDER TO WHOM**  
6 **A FIREARM IS PROHIBITED FROM BEING**  
7 **SOLD OR DISPOSED.**

8 Section 922(d)(8) of title 18, United States Code, is  
9 amended—

10 (1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),  
11 by striking “that”;

12 (2) by striking subparagraphs (A) and (B) and  
13 inserting the following:

14 “(A)(i) that was issued after a hearing of  
15 which such person received actual notice, and at  
16 which such person had an opportunity to par-  
17 ticipate; or

18 “(ii) in the case of an ex parte order, relat-  
19 ing to which notice and opportunity to be heard  
20 are provided—

21 “(I) within the time required by  
22 State, tribal, or territorial law; and

23 “(II) in any event within a reasonable  
24 time after the order is issued, sufficient to  
25 protect the person’s right to due process;

1 “(B) that restrains such person from—

2 “(i) harassing, stalking, threatening,  
3 or engaging in other conduct that would  
4 put an individual in reasonable fear of bod-  
5 ily injury to such individual, including an  
6 order that was issued at the request of an  
7 employer on behalf of its employee or at  
8 the request of an institution of higher edu-  
9 cation on behalf of its student; or

10 “(ii) intimidating or dissuading a wit-  
11 ness from testifying in court; and”;

12 (3) in subparagraph (C)—

13 (A) by striking “intimate partner or child”  
14 each place it appears and inserting “individual  
15 described in subparagraph (B)”;

16 (B) in clause (i), by inserting “that” be-  
17 fore “includes”; and

18 (C) in clause (ii), by inserting “that” be-  
19 fore “by its”.

20 **SEC. 4. EXPANSION OF LIST OF PERSONS SUBJECT TO A**  
21 **RESTRAINING OR SIMILAR ORDER PROHIB-**  
22 **ITED FROM POSSESSING OR RECEIVING A**  
23 **FIREARM.**

24 Section 922(g)(8) of title 18, United States Code, is  
25 amended—

1           (1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),  
2           by striking “that”;

3           (2) by striking subparagraphs (A) and (B) and  
4           inserting the following:

5                   “(A)(i) that was issued after a hearing of  
6                   which such person received actual notice, and at  
7                   which such person had an opportunity to par-  
8                   ticipate; or

9                   “(ii) in the case of an ex parte order, relat-  
10                  ing to which notice and opportunity to be heard  
11                  are provided—

12                          “(I) within the time required by  
13                          State, tribal, or territorial law; and

14                          “(II) in any event within a reasonable  
15                          time after the order is issued, sufficient to  
16                          protect the person’s right to due process;

17                  “(B) that restrains such person from—

18                          “(i) harassing, stalking, threatening,  
19                          or engaging in other conduct that would  
20                          put an individual in reasonable fear of bod-  
21                          ily injury to such individual, including an  
22                          order that was issued at the request of an  
23                          employer on behalf of its employee or at  
24                          the request of an institution of higher edu-  
25                          cation on behalf of its student; or

1 “(ii) intimidating or dissuading a wit-  
2 ness from testifying in court; and”;

3 (3) in subparagraph (C)—

4 (A) by striking “intimate partner or child”  
5 each place it appears and inserting “individual  
6 described in subparagraph (B)”;

7 (B) in clause (i), by inserting “that” be-  
8 fore “includes”; and

9 (C) in clause (ii), by inserting “that” be-  
10 fore “by its”.

11 **SEC. 5. STALKING PROHIBITIONS.**

12 (a) SALES OR OTHER DISPOSITIONS OF FIREARMS  
13 OR AMMUNITION.—Section 922(d) of title 18, United  
14 States Code, as amended by section 3 of this Act, is  
15 amended—

16 (1) by striking “or” at the end of paragraph  
17 (8);

18 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-  
19 graph (9) and inserting “; or”; and

20 (3) by inserting after paragraph (9) the fol-  
21 lowing:

22 “(10) has been convicted in any court of—

23 “(A) a misdemeanor crime of stalking  
24 under Federal, State, municipal, territorial, or  
25 tribal law; or

1           “(B) a crime that involves conduct which  
2           would be prohibited by section 2261A if com-  
3           mitted within the special maritime and terri-  
4           torial jurisdiction of the United States.”.

5           (b) POSSESSION, ETC., OF FIREARMS OR AMMUNI-  
6           TION.—Section 922(g) of such title, as amended by section  
7           4 of this Act, is amended—

8           (1) by striking “or” at the end of paragraph  
9           (8);

10           (2) by striking the comma at the end of para-  
11           graph (9) and inserting “; or”; and

12           (3) by inserting after paragraph (9) the fol-  
13           lowing:

14           “(10) has been convicted in any court of—

15           “(A) a misdemeanor crime of stalking  
16           under Federal, State, municipal, territorial, or  
17           tribal law; or

18           “(B) a crime that involves conduct which  
19           would be prohibited by section 2261A if com-  
20           mitted within the special maritime and terri-  
21           torial jurisdiction of the United States,”.

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