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To regulate .50 BMG caliber sniper rifles.

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Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. DODD) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Long-Range Sniper
5 Rifle Safety Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. COVERAGE OF .50 BMG CALIBER SNIPER RIFLES**

7 **UNDER THE GUN CONTROL ACT OF 1968.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 921(a)(4)(B) of title 18,
9 United States Code, is amended—

10 (1) by striking “any type of weapon” and in-
11 serting the following: “any—

1 “(i) type of weapon”; and

2 (2) by striking “and” at the end and inserting
3 the following: “or

4 “(ii) .50 BMG caliber sniper rifle;
5 and”.

6 (b) DEFINITION OF .50 BMG CALIBER SNIPER
7 RIFLE.—Section 921(a) of title 18, United States Code,
8 is amended by adding at the end the following:

9 “(36) The term ‘.50 BMG caliber sniper rifle’
10 means—

11 “(A) a rifle capable of firing a center-fire
12 cartridge in .50 BMG caliber, including a 12.7
13 mm equivalent of .50 BMG and any other met-
14 ric equivalent; or

15 “(B) a copy or duplicate of any rifle de-
16 scribed in subparagraph (A), or any other rifle
17 developed and manufactured after the date of
18 enactment of this paragraph, regardless of cal-
19 iber, if such rifle is capable of firing a projectile
20 that attains a muzzle energy of 12,000 foot-
21 pounds or greater in any combination of bullet,
22 propellant, case, or primer.”.

1 **SEC. 3. COVERAGE OF .50 BMG CALIBER SNIPER RIFLES**
2 **UNDER THE NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5845(f) of the National
4 Firearms Act (26 U.S.C. 5845(f)) is amended—

5 (1) by striking “and (3)” and inserting “(3)
6 any .50 BMG caliber sniper rifle (as that term is de-
7 fined in section 921 of title 18, United States Code);
8 and (4)”;

9 (2) by striking “(1) and (2)” and inserting
10 “(1), (2), or (3)”.

11 (b) MODIFICATION TO DEFINITION OF RIFLE.—Sec-
12 tion 5845(c) of the National Firearms Act (26 U.S.C.
13 5845(c)) is amended by inserting “or from a bipod or
14 other support” after “shoulder”.

15 **SEC. 4. IMPLEMENTATION.**

16 Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment
17 of this Act, the Attorney General shall implement regula-
18 tions providing for notice and registration of .50 BMG cal-
19 iber sniper rifles as destructive devices (as those terms are
20 defined in section 921 of title 18, United States Code, as
21 amended by this Act) under this Act and the amendments
22 made by this Act, including the use of a notice and reg-
23 istration process similar to that used when the USAS–12,
24 Striker 12, and Streetsweeper shotguns were reclassified
25 as destructive devices and registered between 1994 and
26 2001 (ATF Ruling 94–1 (ATF Q.B. 1994–1, 22); ATF

1 Ruling 94–2 (ATF Q.B. 1994–1, 24); and ATF Ruling
2 2001–1 (66 Fed. Reg. 9748)). The Attorney General shall
3 ensure that under the regulations issued under this sec-
4 tion, the time period for the registration of any previously
5 unregistered .50 BMG caliber sniper rifle shall end not
6 later than 7 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

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