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117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. GOOD of Virginia introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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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 “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 5854(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.”