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118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R.

To prohibit the purchase, ownership, or possession of enhanced body armor by civilians, with exceptions.

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. MENG introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

# A BILL

To prohibit the purchase, ownership, or possession of enhanced body armor by civilians, with exceptions.

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 “Aaron Salter, Jr., Re-  
5 sponsible Body Armor Possession Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. BAN ON PURCHASE, OWNERSHIP, OR POSSESSION**  
7 **OF ENHANCED BODY ARMOR BY CIVILIANS;**  
8 **EXCEPTIONS.**

9 (a) BAN.—

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. Ban on purchase, ownership, or possession of**  
5                                   **enhanced body armor by civilians**

6           “(a) Except as provided in subsection (b), it shall be  
7           unlawful for a person to purchase, own, or possess en-  
8           hanced body armor.

9           “(b) Subsection (a) shall not apply to—

10                   “(1) a purchase, ownership, or possession by or  
11                   under the authority of—

12                                   “(A) the United States or any department  
13                                   or agency of the United States; or

14                                   “(B) a State, or a department, agency, or  
15                                   political subdivision of a State;

16                   “(2) a covered law enforcement officer; or

17                   “(3) enhanced body armor that was lawfully  
18                   possessed by any person at any time before the date  
19                   this section takes effect.

20           “(c) In this section, the term ‘covered law enforce-  
21           ment officer’—

22                   “(1) has the meaning given the term ‘qualified  
23                   law enforcement officer’ in section 926B and the  
24                   term ‘qualified retired law enforcement officer’ in  
25                   section 926C; and

1 “(2) includes corrections officers.”.

2 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-  
3 tions for chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code,  
4 is amended by adding at the end the following:

“932. Ban on purchase, ownership, or possession of enhanced body armor by  
civilians.”.

5 (b) ENHANCED BODY ARMOR DEFINED.—Section  
6 921(a) of such title is amended by adding at the end the  
7 following:

8 “(36) The term ‘enhanced body armor’ means  
9 body armor, including a helmet or shield, the bal-  
10 listic resistance of which meets or exceeds the bal-  
11 listic performance of Type III armor, determined  
12 using such standard as the National Institute of  
13 Justice has in effect at the time at which a person  
14 purchases, owns, or possesses such armor.”.

15 (c) PENALTIES.—Section 924(a) of such title is  
16 amended by adding at the end the following:

17 “(8) Whoever knowingly violates section 932  
18 shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more  
19 than 10 years, or both.”.