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S. 1283

To modernize Federal firearms laws to account for advancements in technology and less-than-lethal weapons, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 3, 2025

Mr. HAGERTY (for himself and Mr. GALLEG0) 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 “Innovate to De-Escalate Modernization Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXEMPTION OF CERTAIN LESS-THAN-LETHAL PROJECTILE DEVICES FROM RESTRICTIONS UNDER TITLE 18, UNITED STATES CODE.**

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

1 (1) in the second sentence of paragraph (3), by
2 inserting “or a less-than-lethal projectile device” be-
3 fore the period; and

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

5 “(38)(A) The term ‘less-than-lethal projectile device’
6 means a device that—

7 “(i) is not designed or intended to expel, and
8 may not be readily converted to accept and dis-
9 charge—

10 “(I) ammunition commonly used in hand-
11 guns, rifles, or shotguns; or

12 “(II) any other projectile at a velocity ex-
13 ceeding 500 feet per second;

14 “(ii) is designed and intended to be used in a
15 manner that is not likely to cause death or serious
16 bodily injury; and

17 “(iii) does not accept, and is not able to be
18 readily modified to accept, an ammunition feeding
19 device—

20 “(I) loaded through the inside of a pistol
21 grip; or

22 “(II) commonly used in semiautomatic
23 firearms.

24 “(B) If a person requests that the Attorney General
25 determine whether a device satisfies the definition of ‘less-

1 than-lethal projectile device' under subparagraph (A), the
2 Attorney General shall make the determination not later
3 than 90 days after the date on which the Attorney General
4 receives the device pursuant to the request.'".

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