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S. 4255

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

MAY 2, 2024

Ms. SINEMA (for herself and Mr. HAGERTY) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 “Law Enforcement In-
5 novate to De-Escalate Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXEMPTION OF CERTAIN LESS-THAN-LETHAL PRO-**
7 **JECTILE DEVICES FROM RESTRICTIONS**
8 **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) The term ‘less-than-lethal projectile device’
 6 means a device with a bore or multiple bores, that—

7 “(A) is not designed or intended to expel a pro-
 8 jectile at a velocity exceeding 500 feet per second by
 9 any means; and

10 “(B) is designed or intended to be used in a
 11 manner that is not likely to cause death or serious
 12 bodily injury.”.

13 **SEC. 3. EXEMPTION OF CERTAIN LESS-THAN-LETHAL PRO-**
 14 **JECTILE DEVICES FROM FIREARMS AND AM-**
 15 **MUNITION TAX.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4182 of the Internal Rev-
 17 enue Code of 1986 is amended by redesignating subsection
 18 (d) as subsection (e) and by inserting after subsection (c)
 19 the following new subsection:

20 “(d) LESS-THAN-LETHAL PROJECTILE DEVICES.—
 21 The tax imposed by section 4181 shall not apply to any
 22 less-than-lethal projectile device (as defined in section
 23 921(a)(38) of title 18, United States Code) or any less-
 24 than-lethal shells or cartridges designed for use in such
 25 a device.”.

1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
2 this section shall apply to articles sold by the manufac-
3 turer, producer, or importer after the date of the enact-
4 ment of this Act.

5 **SEC. 4. EXEMPTION OF CERTAIN LESS-THAN-LETHAL PRO-**
6 **JECTILE DEVICES FROM NATIONAL FIRE-**
7 **ARMS ACT.**

8 Section 5845(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of
9 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following:
10 “Such term shall not include any less-than-lethal projectile
11 device (as defined in section 921(a)(38) of title 18, United
12 States Code).”.

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