

119TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 4221

To modernize the Undetectable Firearms Act of 1988.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 27, 2025

Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

To modernize the Undetectable Firearms Act of 1988.

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 “Undetectable Firearms  
5 Modernization Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. MODERNIZATION OF THE PROHIBITION ON**  
7 **UNDETECTABLE FIREARMS.**

8 Section 922(p) of title 18, United States Code, is  
9 amended—

10 (1) in paragraph (1)—

11 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking  
12 “grips, stocks, and magazines, is not as detect-

1           able as the Security Exemplar, by walk-through  
2           metal detectors calibrated and operated to de-  
3           tect the Security Exemplar” and inserting “all  
4           parts other than major components, does not  
5           contain detectable material”; and

6                   (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking  
7           “when subjected to inspection by the types of x-  
8           ray machines commonly used at airports, does  
9           not generate” and inserting the following: “if  
10          subjected to inspection by the types of detection  
11          devices commonly used at airports for security  
12          screening, would not generate”;

13          (2) in paragraph (2)—

14                   (A) by striking subparagraph (B) and in-  
15           serting the following:

16                   “(B) the term ‘major component’, with respect  
17          to a firearm—

18                           “(i) means the slide or cylinder, or the  
19                           frame or receiver of the firearm; and

20                           “(ii) in the case of a rifle or shotgun, in-  
21                           cludes the barrel of the firearm; and”;

22                   (B) by striking subparagraph (C) and the  
23           proviso that follows and inserting the following:

24                   “(C) the term ‘detectable material’ means mate-  
25          rial that produces a magnetic field that is equivalent

1 in strength to the magnetic field produced by 3.7  
2 ounces of 17–4 PH stainless steel.”;

3 (3) in paragraph (3)—

4 (A) in the first sentence, by inserting  
5 after “of a firearm” the following: “, in-  
6 cluding a prototype,”; and

7 (B) by striking the second sentence;

8 and

9 (4) in paragraph (5), by striking “shall not  
10 apply to any firearm which” and all that follows and  
11 inserting the following: “shall not apply to—

12 “(A) any firearm received by, in the possession  
13 of, or under the control of the United States; or

14 “(B) the manufacture, importation, possession,  
15 transfer, receipt, shipment, or delivery of a firearm  
16 by a licensed manufacturer or licensed importer pur-  
17 suant to an existing contract with the United  
18 States.”.

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