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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. SCHIFF introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Firearm Destruction
5 Licensure Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. LICENSE REQUIRED TO ENGAGE IN THE BUSINESS**
2 **OF DESTROYING FIREARMS.**

3 (a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 921(a) of title 18, United
4 States Code, is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (11)—

6 (A) by striking “or (C)” and inserting
7 “(C)”; and

8 (B) by inserting “, or (D) any person who
9 is a firearm destroyer” after “pawnbroker”;

10 (2) in paragraph (21)—

11 (A) by redesignating subparagraphs (E)
12 and (F) as subparagraphs (F) and (G), respec-
13 tively; and

14 (B) by inserting after subparagraph (D)
15 the following:

16 “(E) as applied to destroying firearms, engag-
17 ing in a business or occupation that includes receiv-
18 ing a firearm for the purposes of destroying such
19 firearm;”; and

20 (3) by adding at the end the following:

21 “(39) The term ‘firearm destroyer’—

22 “(A) means any person engaged in the business
23 of destroying firearms; and

24 “(B) does not include a local law enforcement
25 authority, Federal law enforcement agency, or any

1 other entity of a Federal, State, local, or Tribal gov-
2 ernment.

3 “(40) The term ‘covered method of firearm destruc-
4 tion’ means a method that renders a firearm and all parts,
5 attachments, accessories, or other components received
6 with such firearm unable to be restored to working condi-
7 tion and otherwise reduced to scrap.”.

8 (b) UNLAWFUL ACTS.—Section 922 of title 18,
9 United States Code, is amended—

10 (1) in subsection (a)(1)—

11 (A) in subparagraph (A) by striking “; or”
12 and inserting a semicolon;

13 (B) in subparagraph (B) by adding “or”
14 at the end; and

15 (C) by adding at the end the following:

16 “(C) except a licensed dealer to engage in
17 the business of destroying firearms;”; and

18 (2) in subsection (u) by inserting “destroying,”
19 after “manufacturing,”.

20 (c) LICENSING.—Section 923 of title 18, United
21 States Code, is amended—

22 (1) in subsection (a) by inserting “destroying,”
23 before “or dealing”;

24 (2) in subsection (d)(1)(G)—

1 (A) by striking “that secure” and inserting
2 the following: “that—

3 “(i) secure”;

4 (B) by striking the period at the end and
5 inserting “; and”; and

6 (C) by adding at the end the following:

7 “(ii) if the applicant receives a firearm
8 from a local law enforcement authority, Federal
9 law enforcement agency, or any other entity of
10 a Federal, State, local, or Tribal government
11 for the purposes of destroying such firearm, the
12 applicant will destroy such firearm using a cov-
13 ered method of firearm destruction.”;

14 (3) in subsection (g)—

15 (A) in paragraph (1)(A) by inserting “de-
16 struction,” after “sale,”; and

17 (B) by adding at the end the following:

18 “(8)(A) Not later than 1 year after the effective date
19 of the Firearm Destruction Licensure Act of 2025, and
20 each year thereafter, each licensed dealer who is a firearm
21 destroyer shall submit a report to the Director of the Bu-
22 reau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives on the
23 number of firearms the licensed dealer destroyed during
24 the previous year, including the number of firearms that
25 the licensed dealer—

1 “(i) received for the purposes of destroying
2 such firearms;

3 “(ii) received from a local law enforcement au-
4 thority, Federal law enforcement agency, or any
5 other entity of a Federal, State, local, or Tribal gov-
6 ernment and destroyed using a covered method of
7 firearm destruction; and

8 “(iii) destroyed other than pursuant to clause
9 (ii), including the number of firearms whereby the li-
10 censed dealer destroyed the frame, receiver, or other
11 part, attachment, accessory, or other component of
12 a firearm but did not render all parts, attachments,
13 accessories, or other components received with such
14 firearm unable to be restored to working condition
15 and otherwise reduced to scrap.

16 “(B) The Attorney General, acting through the Di-
17 rector of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and
18 Explosives, shall make publicly available—

19 “(i) each report submitted under subparagraph
20 (A); and

21 “(ii) an aggregate of the information submitted
22 under subparagraph (A).”; and

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

24 “(m) A licensed dealer who receives a firearm from
25 a local law enforcement authority, Federal law enforce-

1 ment agency, or any other entity of a Federal, State, local,
2 or Tribal government for the purposes of destroying such
3 firearm shall—

4 “(1) destroy such firearm using a covered
5 method of firearm destruction, unless the licensed
6 dealer and such entity agree otherwise; and

7 “(2) make publicly available information re-
8 garding any amount the licensed dealer charges a
9 local law enforcement authority, Federal law en-
10 forcement agency, or any other entity of a Federal,
11 State, local, or Tribal government to destroy fire-
12 arms.”.

13 (d) PENALTIES.—Section 924(a)(5) of title 18,
14 United States Code, is amended by striking “subsection
15 (s)” and inserting “subsection (a)(1)(C), (s),”.

16 (e) GRANTS FOR DESTROYING FIREARMS.—The
17 Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act (Public Law
18 103–159) is amended by adding at the end the following:

19 **“SEC. 107. GRANTS FOR DESTROYING FIREARMS.**

20 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

21 “(1) COVERED METHOD OF FIREARM DESTRUC-
22 TION; LICENSED DEALER.—The terms ‘covered
23 method of firearm destruction’ and ‘licensed dealer’
24 have the meanings given such terms in section
25 921(a) of title 18, United States Code.

1 “(2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligible en-
2 tity’ means a State, local, or Tribal government.

3 “(3) STATE.—The term ‘State’ means each of
4 the several States, the District of Columbia, and any
5 commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United
6 States.

7 “(b) IN GENERAL.—Beginning not later than 1 year
8 after the effective date of the Firearm Destruction Licen-
9 sure Act of 2025, the Attorney General, acting through
10 the Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms
11 and Explosives, shall award grants to eligible entities for
12 the purposes of paying a licensed dealer to destroy fire-
13 arms using a covered method of firearm destruction.

14 “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
15 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
16 such sums as may be necessary.”.

17 (f) APPLICABILITY; RULEMAKING.—

18 (1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection, the
19 terms “dealer”, “firearm destroyer”, and “licensed
20 dealer” have the meanings given such terms in sec-
21 tion 921(a) of title 18, United States Code, as
22 amended by this Act.

23 (2) APPLICABILITY.—

24 (A) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made
25 by this section shall apply with respect to a

1 dealer who obtains a license under section 923
2 of title 18, United States Code, prior to the ef-
3 fective date of this section.

4 (B) CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE.—

5 Not later than the effective date of this section,
6 a dealer who obtains a license under section
7 923 of title 18, United States Code, prior to the
8 effective date of this section shall submit to the
9 Attorney General the certification required
10 under section 923(d)(1)(G)(ii) of such title, as
11 amended by this Act.

12 (C) FAILURE TO COMPLY.—The Attorney
13 General may, after notice and opportunity for
14 hearing, revoke the license of a dealer issued
15 under section 923 of title 18, United States
16 Code, if the holder of such license willfully vio-
17 lates subparagraph (B).

18 (3) RULEMAKING.—Not later than 180 days
19 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Attorney
20 General, acting through the Director of the Bureau
21 of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, shall
22 issue a final rule to implement this section, including
23 by prescribing—

24 (A) acceptable methods of destruction to
25 render a firearm and all parts, attachments, ac-

1 cessories, or other components received with
2 such firearm unable to be restored to working
3 condition and otherwise reduced to scrap; and

4 (B) records or documents required to be
5 kept by a licensed dealer who is a firearm de-
6 stroyer.

7 (g) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
8 this Act shall take effect 180 days after the date of enact-
9 ment of this Act.