

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 5450

To amend title 18, United States Code, to permit a licensed importer, licensed manufacturer, or licensed dealer to notify chief law enforcement officers electronically, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 5, 2024

Mr. ROUNDS (for himself and Mr. MANCHIN) 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 “Modernizing Law En-
5 forcement Notification Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS.**

2 (a) VERIFIED ELECTRONIC NOTIFICATION DE-
 3 FINED.—Section 921(a) of title 18, United States Code,
 4 is amended by adding at the end the following:

5 “(38) The term ‘verified electronic notification’,
 6 with respect to a communication to a chief law en-
 7 forcement officer required under section 922(c)(2),
 8 means a digital communication—

9 “(A) sent to the electronic communication
 10 address that the chief law enforcement officer
 11 voluntarily designates for the purpose of receiv-
 12 ing those communications; and

13 “(B) that includes a method for
 14 verifying—

15 “(i) the receipt of the communication;

16 and

17 “(ii) the electronic communication ad-
 18 dress to which the communication is
 19 sent.”.

20 (b) VERIFIED ELECTRONIC NOTIFICATION.—Section
 21 922(c) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by
 22 striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

23 “(2) the transferor has—

24 “(A) prior to the shipment or delivery of
 25 the firearm, forwarded a copy of the sworn
 26 statement, together with a description of the

1 firearm, in a form prescribed by the Attorney
2 General, to the chief law enforcement officer of
3 the transferee's place of residence, by—

4 “(i) registered or certified mail (re-
5 turn receipt requested); or

6 “(ii) verified electronic notification;
7 and

8 “(B)(i) with respect to a delivery method
9 described in subparagraph (A)(i)—

10 “(I) received a return receipt evidenc-
11 ing delivery of the statement; or

12 “(II) had the statement returned due
13 to the refusal of the named addressee to
14 accept such letter in accordance with
15 United States Post Office Department reg-
16 ulations; or

17 “(ii) with respect to a delivery method de-
18 scribed in subparagraph (A)(ii), received a re-
19 turn receipt evidencing delivery of the state-
20 ment; and”.

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