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Ms. TOKUDA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

A BILL

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across State lines, and for other purposes.

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 “Gun Hardware Over-
5 sight and Shipment Tracking Act of 2025” or the
6 “GHOST Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. FEDERAL INTERSTATE FIREARM PARTS REPORT-**
2 **ING SYSTEM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 44 of title 18, United
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing:

6 **“§ 935. Federal Interstate Firearm Parts Reporting**
7 **System**

8 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Attorney General shall
9 establish and operate a program under this section, to be
10 known as the ‘Federal Interstate Firearm Parts Reporting
11 System’, to assist law enforcement officers in monitoring
12 the shipment or transportation of covered firearm compo-
13 nents in interstate or foreign commerce.

14 “(b) REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Within 5 business days be-
16 fore an entity ships or transports in interstate or
17 foreign commerce a covered firearm component, the
18 entity shall register the shipment or transportation
19 of the covered firearm component by submitting to
20 the Attorney General, in such form and manner de-
21 termined by the Attorney General, the following in-
22 formation:

23 “(A) The name, physical mailing address,
24 phone number or electronic mail address, and
25 the eligible identification number of the entity.

1 “(B) The name, physical mailing address,
2 phone number or electronic mail address, and
3 the eligible identification number of the in-
4 tended recipient of the covered firearm compo-
5 nent.

6 “(C) The method by which the entity is
7 shipping or transporting the covered firearm
8 component, such as by mail, personal delivery,
9 or delivery by courier, and the name of the
10 shipper or transporter.

11 “(D) A list or manifest of the items in, or
12 a bill of lading with respect to, the package or
13 cargo containing the covered firearm compo-
14 nent, prepared by the entity for the shipment or
15 transportation.

16 “(2) REQUIREMENT FOR DELIVERY.—

17 “(A) POSTAL DELIVERY TO REQUIRE REG-
18 ISTERED OR CERTIFIED MAIL.—An entity using
19 the mails to ship or transport a covered firearm
20 component in interstate or foreign commerce
21 shall use registered or certified mail, return re-
22 ceipt requested, or an equivalent service deter-
23 mined by the Attorney General in consultation
24 with the United States Postal Service.

1 “(B) OTHER FORMS OF DELIVERY TO RE-
2 QUIRE SIGNATURE OF RECIPIENT.—An entity
3 using a means other than the mails to ship or
4 transport a covered firearm component in inter-
5 state or foreign commerce a covered firearm
6 component by delivery shall obtain, cause to ob-
7 tain, or use a service that requires, the signa-
8 ture of the recipient on delivery and notification
9 to the entity of the signature.

10 “(3) CONFIRMATION OF DELIVERY.—Within 5
11 business days after submitting to the Attorney Gen-
12 eral the information described in paragraph (1), an
13 entity that ships or transports in interstate or for-
14 eign commerce a covered firearm component shall
15 submit to the Attorney General the date that the en-
16 tity began the shipment or transportation and—

17 “(A)(i) any documentation received by the
18 entity with respect to the delivery; and

19 “(ii) the date that the recipient received
20 the covered firearm component according to the
21 documentation; or

22 “(B) a certification that the entity has not
23 received the documentation, in which case the
24 entity shall comply with subparagraph (A) at
25 the earliest possible opportunity and submit an

1 additional such certification every 5 business
2 days thereafter until—

3 “(i) the entity is able to, and does,
4 comply with subparagraph (A); or

5 “(ii) the Attorney General informs the
6 entity that additional certifications are not
7 required.

8 “(4) SAFE HARBOR PROVISIONS.—

9 “(A) RETROACTIVE REGISTRATION AFTER
10 SHIPMENT OR TRANSPORTATION.—Subject to
11 subparagraph (C), an entity that ships or trans-
12 ports in interstate or foreign commerce a cov-
13 ered firearm component without complying with
14 paragraph (1) may retroactively register the
15 shipment or transportation of the covered fire-
16 arm component by submitting to the Attorney
17 General the information required by paragraph
18 (1) not later than 5 business days after the
19 completion of delivery.

20 “(B) PUTATIVE REGISTRATION BY RECIPI-
21 ENT.—The recipient of a covered firearm com-
22 ponent shipped or transported in interstate or
23 foreign commerce may file a putative registra-
24 tion of the shipment or transportation of the
25 covered firearm component by submitting to the

1 Attorney General, not later than 5 business
2 days after receiving the covered firearm compo-
3 nent—

4 “(i) such information required under
5 paragraph (1) available to the recipient,
6 with a certification that the information is
7 accurate and complete to the best of the
8 ability of the recipient; or

9 “(ii) a written assurance provided to
10 the recipient by the entity that shipped or
11 transported the covered firearm component
12 that contains the information required
13 under paragraph (1).

14 “(C) DISCRETION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL
15 TO PROHIBIT RETROACTIVE REGISTRATION.—
16 The Attorney General may prohibit an entity
17 from retroactively registering the shipment or
18 transportation of a covered firearm component
19 under subparagraph (A) if the Attorney Gen-
20 eral—

21 “(i) determines that the entity rou-
22 tinely fails to comply with paragraph (1)
23 and relies on subparagraph (A) for the
24 registration of a shipment or transpor-
25 tation of a covered firearm component; and

1 “(ii) provides notice to the entity of
2 the determination described in clause (i).

3 “(c) DATABASE OF REGISTRATIONS.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General shall
5 compile and maintain a database containing the in-
6 formation gathered under this section.

7 “(2) ACCESS TO DATABASE.—The Attorney
8 General may disclose information in the database to
9 any of the following:

10 “(A) A Federal, State, local, Tribal, or for-
11 eign law enforcement agency.

12 “(B) A Federal, State, or local prosecutor.

13 “(C) A Federal agency.

14 “(D) An individual with express authoriza-
15 tion from an entity described in any of subpara-
16 graphs (A) through (C).

17 “(3) EXEMPTION FROM FREEDOM OF INFORMA-
18 TION ACT.—Except as provided under this section,
19 the information gathered by the Attorney General
20 under this section may not be publicly disclosed and
21 shall be exempt from disclosure under section
22 552(b)(3) of title 5.

23 “(d) UNREGISTERED SHIPMENTS OR TRANSPOR-
24 TATIONS OF COVERED FIREARM COMPONENTS.—

1 “(1) COMPONENTS SUBJECT TO SEIZURE.—The
2 Attorney General, and any government entity des-
3 ignated by the Attorney General, may seize a cov-
4 ered firearm component that was, or is being,
5 shipped or transported in interstate or foreign com-
6 merce without registration under subsection (b).

7 “(2) EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES.—A law en-
8 forcement officer under the authority of a State,
9 local, or Tribal law enforcement agency may seize a
10 covered firearm component described in paragraph
11 (1) if the officer certifies to the Attorney General
12 that exigent circumstances, with a reasonable risk of
13 injury or death, existed at the time of seizure that
14 prevented seizure of the covered firearm component
15 after the Attorney General could have designated the
16 officer or agency under paragraph (1).

17 “(3) ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS FOR DE-
18 STRUCTION.—The Attorney General may use admin-
19 istrative proceedings to provide for the destruction
20 of a covered firearm component seized under para-
21 graph (1) if no person raises an objection to the At-
22 torney General with respect to the destruction.

23 “(4) JUDICIAL REVIEW.—If a person raises an
24 objection to destruction of a covered firearm compo-
25 nent under paragraph (2), the Attorney General may

1 petition the United States district court for the dis-
2 trict in which the Attorney General seized the cov-
3 ered firearm component for an order authorizing the
4 destruction, which shall be granted if the court de-
5 termines that—

6 “(A) the Attorney General did not receive,
7 with respect to the covered firearm component,
8 a registration under subsection (b)(1), a retro-
9 active registration under subsection (b)(4)(A),
10 or a putative registration under subsection
11 (b)(4)(B); and

12 “(B) if the recipient of the covered firearm
13 component had a reasonable opportunity to file
14 a putative registration under subsection
15 (b)(4)(B) with respect to the covered firearm
16 component, the recipient did not file the puta-
17 tive registration.

18 “(e) UNLAWFUL ACTS.—It shall be unlawful for any
19 person to knowingly ship or transport in interstate or for-
20 eign commerce a covered firearm component without reg-
21 istration under subsection (b), with intent to evade the
22 registration requirements of this section.

23 “(f) AUTHORITY TO PRESCRIBE REGULATIONS.—
24 The Attorney General may prescribe regulations to carry
25 out this section, which may include regulations describing

1 the administrative proceedings referred to in subsection
2 (d)(3).

3 “(g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section and section
4 924(q):

5 “(1) COVERED FIREARM COMPONENT.—The
6 term ‘covered firearm component’ means the barrel,
7 slide, or bolt carrier of a firearm.

8 “(2) ELIGIBLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER.—The
9 term ‘eligible identification number’ means, with re-
10 spect to an entity—

11 “(A) the identifying number assigned to
12 the entity under section 6109 of the Internal
13 Revenue Code of 1986;

14 “(B) the last 4 digits of the social security
15 number of the entity; or

16 “(C) an identification number approved by
17 the Attorney General that uniquely identifies
18 the entity.”.

19 (b) PENALTIES.—Section 924 of such title is amend-
20 ed by adding at the end the following:

21 “(q) Any person who knowingly violates section
22 935(e)—

23 “(1) shall be fined under this title, imprisoned
24 not more than 1 year, or both; and

1 “(2) if the offense includes the shipment or
2 transportation of not less than 50 covered firearm
3 components as part of a single act, commission, con-
4 spiracy, or enterprise, shall be fined under this title,
5 imprisoned not more than 10 years, or both.”.

6 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
7 for such chapter is amended by adding at the end the fol-
8 lowing:

 “935. Federal Interstate Firearm Parts Reporting System.”.

9 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
10 this Act shall take effect on the date that is 120 days
11 after the date of the enactment of this Act.