

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 8680

To amend the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 to establish a rebuttable presumption in favor of authorizing a member of the Armed Forces to carry a personal firearm on a military installation.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 7, 2026

Mr. CRANK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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 “Armed Forces Carry
5 Rights Protection Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION IN FAVOR OF AUTHOR-**
2 **IZING A MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES TO**
3 **CARRY A PERSONAL FIREARM ON A MILI-**
4 **TARY INSTALLATION.**

5 Section 526 of the National Defense Authorization
6 Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law 114–92; 10 U.S.C.
7 2672 note) is amended—

8 (1) by inserting “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—” be-
9 fore “Not later”; and

10 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
11 sections:

12 “(b) PRESUMPTION.—In the process under sub-
13 section (a), there shall be a rebuttable presumption in
14 favor of authorizing a member to carry a firearm owned
15 by such member while the member—

16 “(1) is on the installation, center, or facility;
17 and

18 “(2) is not performing duty at such installation,
19 center, or facility.

20 “(c) WRITTEN DENIAL.—A denial of authorization
21 pursuant to such process shall—

22 “(1) be in writing; and

23 “(2) include an objective, clearly describable,
24 and individualized basis for such denial.”.

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