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S. 3212

To remove obstacles to the ability of law enforcement officers to enforce gun safety laws, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. VAN HOLLEN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To remove obstacles to the ability of law enforcement officers to enforce gun safety laws, 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 “ATF Improvement and
5 Modernization Act of 2025” or the “AIM Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF LIMITATIONS RELATING TO FIRE-**
7 **ARMS TRACE DATA.**

8 (a) TIAHRT AMENDMENTS.—

9 (1) FISCAL YEAR 2012.—The matter under the
10 heading “SALARIES AND EXPENSES” under the

1 heading “BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIRE-
2 ARMS AND EXPLOSIVES” in title II of division B of
3 the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropria-
4 tions Act, 2012 (18 U.S.C. 923 note; Public Law
5 112–55; 125 Stat. 609) is amended by striking the
6 sixth proviso.

7 (2) FISCAL YEAR 2010.—The sixth proviso
8 under the heading “SALARIES AND EXPENSES”
9 under the heading “BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TO-
10 BACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES” in title II of
11 division B of the Consolidated Appropriations Act,
12 2010 (18 U.S.C. 923 note; Public Law 111–117;
13 123 Stat. 3128) is amended by striking “beginning
14 in fiscal year 2010 and thereafter” and inserting “in
15 fiscal year 2010”.

16 (3) FISCAL YEAR 2009.—The sixth proviso
17 under the heading “SALARIES AND EXPENSES”
18 under the heading “BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TO-
19 BACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES” in title II of
20 division B of the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009
21 (18 U.S.C. 923 note; Public Law 111–8; 123 Stat.
22 575) is amended by striking “beginning in fiscal
23 year 2009 and thereafter” and inserting “in fiscal
24 year 2009”.

1 (4) FISCAL YEAR 2008.—The sixth proviso
2 under the heading “SALARIES AND EXPENSES”
3 under the heading “BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TO-
4 BACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES” in title II of
5 division B of the Consolidated Appropriations Act,
6 2008 (18 U.S.C. 923 note; Public Law 110–161;
7 121 Stat. 1903) is amended by striking “beginning
8 in fiscal year 2008 and thereafter” and inserting “in
9 fiscal year 2008”.

10 (5) FISCAL YEAR 2006.—The sixth proviso
11 under the heading “SALARIES AND EXPENSES”
12 under the heading “BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TO-
13 BACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES” in title I of
14 the Science, State, Justice, Commerce, and Related
15 Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006 (18 U.S.C. 923
16 note; Public Law 109–108; 119 Stat. 2295) is
17 amended by striking “under this or any other Act
18 with respect to any fiscal year” and inserting “under
19 this Act”.

20 (6) FISCAL YEAR 2005.—The sixth proviso
21 under the heading “SALARIES AND EXPENSES”
22 under the heading “BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TO-
23 BACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES” in title I of di-
24 vision B of the Consolidated Appropriations Act,
25 2005 (18 U.S.C. 923 note; Public Law 108–447;

1 118 Stat. 2859) is amended by striking “under this
2 or any other Act with respect to any fiscal year” and
3 inserting “under this Act”.

4 (b) PROHIBITION ON USE OF FIREARMS TRACE
5 DATA TO DRAW BROAD CONCLUSIONS ABOUT FIREARMS-
6 RELATED CRIME.—Section 514 of division B of the Con-
7 solidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act,
8 2013 (18 U.S.C. 923 note; Public Law 113–6; 127 Stat.
9 271) is repealed.

10 **SEC. 3. ELIMINATION OF PROHIBITION ON CONSOLIDA-**
11 **TION OR CENTRALIZATION IN THE DEPART-**
12 **MENT OF JUSTICE OF FIREARMS ACQUISSI-**
13 **TION AND DISPOSITION RECORDS MAIN-**
14 **TAINED BY FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSEES.**

15 The matter under the heading “SALARIES AND EX-
16 PENSES” under the heading “BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TO-
17 BACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES” in title II of division
18 B of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropria-
19 tions Act, 2012 (18 U.S.C. 923 note; Public Law 112–
20 55; 125 Stat. 609) is amended by striking the first pro-
21 viso.

1 **SEC. 4. ELIMINATION OF PROHIBITION ON IMPOSITION OF**
2 **REQUIREMENT THAT FIREARMS DEALERS**
3 **CONDUCT PHYSICAL CHECK OF FIREARMS**
4 **INVENTORY.**

5 (a) FISCAL YEAR 2013.—The matter under the head-
6 ing “SALARIES AND EXPENSES” under the heading “BU-
7 REAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLO-
8 SIVES” in title II of division B of the Consolidated and
9 Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013 (18 U.S.C.
10 923 note; Public Law 113–6; 127 Stat. 247) is amended
11 by striking the fifth proviso.

12 (b) FISCAL YEAR 2012.—The matter under the head-
13 ing “SALARIES AND EXPENSES” under the heading “BU-
14 REAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLO-
15 SIVES” in title II of division B of the Consolidated and
16 Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2012 (Public
17 Law 112–55; 125 Stat. 609) is amended by striking “:
18 *Provided further*, That no funds made available by this or
19 any other Act shall be expended to promulgate or imple-
20 ment any rule requiring a physical inventory of any busi-
21 ness licensed under section 923 of title 18, United States
22 Code”.

23 (c) FISCAL YEAR 2010.—The matter under the head-
24 ing “SALARIES AND EXPENSES” under the heading “BU-
25 REAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLO-
26 SIVES” in title II of division B of the Consolidated and

1 Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2010 (Public
2 Law 111–117; 123 Stat. 3128) is amended by striking
3 the seventh proviso.

4 (d) FISCAL YEAR 2009.—The matter under the head-
5 ing “SALARIES AND EXPENSES” under the heading “BU-
6 REAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLO-
7 SIVES” in title II of division B of the Omnibus Appropria-
8 tions Act, 2009 (Public Law 111–8; 123 Stat. 574) is
9 amended by striking the seventh proviso.

10 (e) FISCAL YEAR 2008.—The matter under the head-
11 ing “SALARIES AND EXPENSES” under the heading “BU-
12 REAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLO-
13 SIVES” in title II of division B of the Consolidated Appropria-
14 tions Act, 2008 (Public Law 110–161; 121 Stat.
15 1903) is amended by striking the seventh proviso.

16 (f) FISCAL YEAR 2006.—The matter under the head-
17 ing “SALARIES AND EXPENSES” under the heading “BU-
18 REAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLO-
19 SIVES” in title I of the Science, State, Justice, Commerce,
20 and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006 (Public
21 Law 109–108; 119 Stat. 2295) is amended by striking
22 the seventh proviso.

23 (g) FISCAL YEAR 2005.—The matter under the head-
24 ing “SALARIES AND EXPENSES” under the heading “BU-
25 REAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLO-

1 SIVES” in title I of division B of the Consolidated Appro-
 2 priations Act, 2005 (Public Law 108–447; 118 Stat.
 3 2859) is amended by striking the seventh proviso.

4 (h) FISCAL YEAR 2004.—The matter under the
 5 heading “SALARIES AND EXPENSES” under the heading
 6 “BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EX-
 7 PLOSIVES” in title I of division B of the Consolidated Ap-
 8 propriations Act, 2004 (Public Law 108–199; 118 Stat.
 9 52) is amended by striking the seventh proviso.

10 **SEC. 5. ELIMINATION OF REQUIREMENT THAT INSTANT**
 11 **CHECK RECORDS BE DESTROYED WITHIN 24**
 12 **HOURS.**

13 (a) FISCAL YEAR 2012.—Section 511 of division B
 14 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropria-
 15 tions Act, 2012 (34 U.S.C. 40901 note; Public Law 112–
 16 55; 125 Stat. 632) is amended—

17 (1) by striking “—” and all that follows
 18 through “(1)”; and

19 (2) by striking the semicolon and all that fol-
 20 lows and inserting a period.

21 (b) FISCAL YEAR 2010.—Section 511 of division B
 22 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010 (Public Law
 23 111–117; 123 Stat. 3151) is amended—

24 (1) by striking “—” and all that follows
 25 through “(1)”; and

1 (2) by striking the semicolon and all that fol-
2 lows and inserting a period.

3 (c) FISCAL YEAR 2009.—Section 511 of division B
4 of the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009 (Public Law
5 111–8; 123 Stat. 596) is amended—

6 (1) by striking “—” and all that follows
7 through “(1)”; and

8 (2) by striking the semicolon and all that fol-
9 lows and inserting a period.

10 (d) FISCAL YEAR 2008.—Section 512 of division B
11 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008 (Public Law
12 110–161; 121 Stat. 1926) is amended—

13 (1) by striking “—” and all that follows
14 through “(1)”; and

15 (2) by striking the semicolon and all that fol-
16 lows and inserting a period.

17 (e) FISCAL YEAR 2006.—Section 611 of the Science,
18 State, Justice, Commerce, and Related Agencies Appro-
19 priations Act, 2006 (Public Law 119–108; 119 Stat.
20 2336) is amended—

21 (1) by striking “—” and all that follows
22 through “(1)”; and

23 (2) by striking the semicolon and all that fol-
24 lows and inserting a period.

1 (f) FISCAL YEAR 2005.—Section 615 of division B
2 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (Public Law
3 108–447; 118 Stat. 2915) is amended—

4 (1) by striking “—” and all that follows
5 through “(1)”; and

6 (2) by striking the semicolon and all that fol-
7 lows and inserting a period.

8 (g) FISCAL YEAR 2004.—Section 617 of division B
9 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2004 (Public Law
10 108–199; 118 Stat. 95) is amended—

11 (1) by striking “(a)”;

12 (2) by striking “—” and all that follows
13 through “(1)”; and

14 (3) by striking the semicolon and all that fol-
15 lows and inserting a period.

16 **SEC. 6. ELIMINATION OF PROHIBITION ON PROCESSING OF**
17 **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS**
18 **ABOUT ARSON OR EXPLOSIVES INCIDENTS**
19 **OR FIREARM TRACES.**

20 Section 644 of division J of the Consolidated Appro-
21 priations Resolution, 2003 (5 U.S.C. 552 note; Public
22 Law 108–7; 117 Stat. 473) is repealed.

1 **SEC. 7. ELIMINATION OF PROHIBITIONS RELATING TO “CU-**
2 **RIOS OR RELICS” AND IMPORTATION OF SUR-**
3 **PLUS MILITARY FIREARMS.**

4 (a) FISCAL YEAR 2023.—Section 535 of division B
5 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Public Law
6 117–328) is repealed.

7 (b) FISCAL YEAR 2022.—Section 536 of division B
8 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law
9 117–103; 136 Stat. 152) is repealed.

10 (c) FISCAL YEAR 2020.—Section 538 of division B
11 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 (Public Law
12 116–93; 133 Stat. 2433) is repealed.

13 (d) FISCAL YEAR 2019.—Section 517 of division C
14 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019 (Public Law
15 116–6; 133 Stat. 133) is repealed.

16 (e) FISCAL YEAR 2013.—The matter under the head-
17 ing “SALARIES AND EXPENSES” under the heading “BU-
18 REAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLO-
19 SIVES” in title II of division B of the Consolidated and
20 Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013 (18 U.S.C.
21 921 note; Public Law 113–6; 127 Stat. 247) is amended
22 by striking the first proviso.

1 **SEC. 8. ELIMINATION OF PROHIBITION ON DENIAL OF FED-**
2 **ERAL FIREARMS LICENSE DUE TO LACK OF**
3 **BUSINESS ACTIVITY.**

4 (a) FISCAL YEAR 2013.—The matter under the head-
5 ing “SALARIES AND EXPENSES” under the heading “BU-
6 REAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLO-
7 SIVES” in title II of division B of the Consolidated and
8 Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013 (18 U.S.C.
9 923 note; Public Law 113–6; 127 Stat. 247) is amended
10 by striking “: *Provided further*, That, in the current fiscal
11 year and any fiscal year thereafter, no funds authorized
12 or made available under this or any other Act may be used
13 to deny any application for a license” and all that follows
14 through “Internal Revenue Code of 1986”.

15 (b) FISCAL YEAR 2012.—The matter under the head-
16 ing “SALARIES AND EXPENSES” under the heading “BU-
17 REAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLO-
18 SIVES” in title II of division B of the Consolidated and
19 Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2012 (Public
20 Law 112–55; 125 Stat. 609) is amended by striking “:
21 *Provided further*, That no funds authorized or made avail-
22 able under this or any other Act may be used to deny any
23 application for a license” and all that follows through “In-
24 ternal Revenue Code of 1986”.

25 (c) FISCAL YEAR 2010.—The matter under the head-
26 ing “SALARIES AND EXPENSES” under the heading “BU-

1 REAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLO-
2 SIVES” in title II of division B of the Consolidated and
3 Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2010 (Public
4 Law 111–117; 123 Stat. 3128) is amended by striking
5 “: *Provided further*, That no funds authorized or made
6 available under this or any other Act may be used to deny
7 any application for a license” and all that follows through
8 “Internal Revenue Code of 1986”.

9 (d) FISCAL YEAR 2009.—The matter under the head-
10 ing “SALARIES AND EXPENSES” under the heading “BU-
11 REAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLO-
12 SIVES” in title II of division B of the Omnibus Appropria-
13 tions Act, 2009 (Public Law 111–8; 123 Stat. 574) is
14 amended by striking “: *Provided further*, That no funds
15 authorized or made available under this or any other Act
16 may be used to deny any application for a license” and
17 all that follows through “Internal Revenue Code of 1986”.

18 (e) FISCAL YEAR 2008.—The matter under the head-
19 ing “SALARIES AND EXPENSES” under the heading “BU-
20 REAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLO-
21 SIVES” in title II of division B of the Consolidated Appropria-
22 tions Act, 2008 (Public Law 110–161; 121 Stat.
23 1903) is amended by striking “: *Provided further*, That
24 no funds authorized or made available under this or any
25 other Act may be used to deny any application for a li-

1 cense” and all that follows through “Internal Revenue
2 Code of 1986”.

3 (f) FISCAL YEAR 2006.—The matter under the head-
4 ing “SALARIES AND EXPENSES” under the heading “BU-
5 REAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLO-
6 SIVES” in title I of the Science, State, Justice, Commerce,
7 and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006 (Public
8 Law 109–108; 119 Stat. 2295) is amended by striking
9 “: *Provided further*, That no funds authorized or made
10 available under this or any other Act may be used to deny
11 any application for a license” and all that follows through
12 “Internal Revenue Code of 1986”.

13 (g) FISCAL YEAR 2005.—The matter under the head-
14 ing “SALARIES AND EXPENSES” under the heading “BU-
15 REAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLO-
16 SIVES” in title I of division B of the Consolidated Appro-
17 priations Act, 2005 (Public Law 108–447; 118 Stat.
18 2859) is amended by striking “: *Provided further*, That
19 no funds authorized or made available under this or any
20 other Act may be used to deny any application for a li-
21 cense” and all that follows through “Internal Revenue
22 Code of 1986”.

1 **SEC. 9. ELIMINATION OF PROHIBITION ON SEARCHING**
2 **COMPUTERIZED RECORDS OF FEDERALLY LI-**
3 **CENSED FIREARMS DEALERS WHO ARE OUT**
4 **OF BUSINESS.**

5 The matter under the heading “SALARIES AND EX-
6 PENSES” under the heading “BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TO-
7 BACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES” in title II of division
8 B of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropria-
9 tions Act, 2012 (18 U.S.C. 923 note; Public Law 112–
10 55; 125 Stat. 610) is amended by striking “: *Provided fur-*
11 *ther*, That, hereafter, no funds made available by this or
12 any other Act may be used to electronically retrieve infor-
13 mation gathered pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 923(g)(4) by
14 name or any personal identification code”.

15 **SEC. 10. ELIMINATION OF PROHIBITION ON DENYING, OR**
16 **FAILING TO ACT ON, APPLICATION TO IM-**
17 **PORT CERTAIN SHOTGUN MODELS ON THE**
18 **BASIS THAT THE SHOTGUN WAS NOT PAR-**
19 **TICULARLY SUITABLE FOR OR READILY**
20 **ADAPTABLE TO SPORTING PURPOSES.**

21 (a) FISCAL YEAR 2023.—Section 536 of division B
22 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Public Law
23 117–328) is repealed.

24 (b) FISCAL YEAR 2022.—Section 537 of division B
25 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law
26 117–103; 136 Stat. 152) is repealed.

1 (c) FISCAL YEAR 2020.—Section 539 of division B
2 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 (Public Law
3 116–93; 133 Stat. 2433) is repealed.

4 (d) FISCAL YEAR 2019.—Section 531 of division C
5 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019 (Public Law
6 116–6; 133 Stat. 137) is repealed.

7 **SEC. 11. ELIMINATION OF LIMITS ON FREQUENCY OF**
8 **RECORD-KEEPING INSPECTIONS OF INVEN-**
9 **TORY AND RECORDS OF FEDERAL FIREARMS**
10 **LICENSEES.**

11 Section 923(g)(1)(B)(ii) of title 18, United States
12 Code, is amended to read as follows:

13 “(ii) for ensuring compliance with the record
14 keeping requirements of this chapter; or”.

15 **SEC. 12. REVISING STANDARD FOR FEDERAL FIREARM LI-**
16 **CENSE REVOCATION FROM WILLFUL VIOLA-**
17 **TION TO KNOWING VIOLATION.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 923(e) of title 18, United
19 States Code, is amended by striking “willfully” each place
20 the term appears and inserting “knowingly”.

21 (b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—The third sentence of
22 section 923(e) of title 18, United States Code, is amended
23 by striking “Secretary’s” and inserting “Attorney Gen-
24 eral’s”.

1 **SEC. 13. ELIMINATION OF DE NOVO REVIEW AND OF OP-**
2 **PORTUNITY TO RELY ON EVIDENCE NOT PRE-**
3 **VIOUSLY CONSIDERED.**

4 Section 923(f)(3) of title 18, United States Code, is
5 amended—

6 (1) in the second sentence, by striking “de
7 novo”; and

8 (2) in the third sentence, by striking “any evi-
9 dence submitted by the parties to the proceeding
10 whether or not such evidence” and inserting “only
11 evidence that”.

12 **SEC. 14. REVISING STANDARDS FOR ELIGIBILITY OF FED-**
13 **ERAL FIREARMS LICENSEES.**

14 Section 923(d)(1) of title 18, United States Code, is
15 amended by striking “willfully” each place the term ap-
16 pears and inserting “knowingly”.

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