

115TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

H. R. 3984

To repeal the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act, and provide for the discoverability and admissibility of gun trace information in civil proceedings.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

October 5, 2017

Mr. Schiff (for himself, Mr. Beyer, Mr. Blumenauer, Ms. Bonamici, Mr. Cicilline, Ms. Clark of Massachusetts, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Courtney, Mr. Cummings, Mr. DeSaulnier, Mr. Deutch, Mr. Ellison, Ms. Eshoo, Ms. Esty of Connecticut, Mr. Grijalva, Mr. Hastings, Mr. Himes, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Napolitano, Ms. Norton, Mr. Pallone, Mr. Quigley, Mr. Serrano, Mr. Sires, Ms. Slaughter, Mr. Smith of Washington, Mr. Swalwell of California, Mr. Takano, and Mr. Yarmuth) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To repeal the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act, and provide for the discoverability and admissibility of gun trace information in civil proceedings.

- 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 "Equal Access to Jus-
- 5 tice for Victims of Gun Violence Act".

1 SEC. 2. REPEAL OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE PROTEC-

- 2 TION OF LAWFUL COMMERCE IN ARMS ACT.
- 3 Sections 2 through 4 of the Protection of Lawful
- 4 Commerce in Arms Act (15 U.S.C. 7901–7903) are re-
- 5 pealed.
- 6 SEC. 3. DISCOVERABILITY AND ADMISSIBILITY OF GUN
- 7 TRACE INFORMATION IN CIVIL PRO-
- 8 CEEDINGS.
- 9 The contents of the Firearms Trace System database
- 10 maintained by the National Trace Center of the Bureau
- 11 of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives shall not be
- 12 immune from legal process, shall be subject to subpoena
- 13 or other discovery, shall be admissible as evidence, and
- 14 may be used, relied on, or disclosed in any manner, and
- 15 testimony or other evidence may be permitted based on
- 16 the data, on the same basis as other information, in a civil
- 17 action in any State (including the District of Columbia)
- 18 or Federal court or in an administrative proceeding.

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