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H. R. 661

To repeal certain impediments to the administration of the firearms laws.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. LEE of California (for herself, Mr. MORAN, Mrs. LOWEY, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. FARR, Ms. PINGREE of Maine, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. HONDA, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, and Mr. FATTAH) introduced the following bill; which was 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 “Tiahrt Restrictions Re-
5 peal Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds as follows:

8 (1) The Tiahrt Amendments severely limit the
9 authority of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Fire-

1 arms, and Explosives (BATFE) to disclose crime
2 gun trace data to the public.

3 (2) The Tiahrt Amendments prevent the collec-
4 tion of valuable information, and the establishment
5 of effective policies to prevent illegal guns.

6 (3) Having effective policies to prevent illegal
7 gun trafficking makes our families and communities
8 safer.

9 (4) The Tiahrt Amendments impede enforce-
10 ment of the gun laws by requiring most background
11 check records to be destroyed within 24 hours, and
12 by barring the government from requiring annual in-
13 ventory audits by owners of gun shops

14 (5) Repealing the Tiahrt Amendments would
15 support law enforcement efforts and give the public
16 vital information needed to craft the most effective
17 policies against illegal guns.

18 **SEC. 3. REPEAL OF CERTAIN LIMITATIONS ON THE USE OF**
19 **DATABASE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU**
20 **OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS, AND EX-**
21 **PLOSIVES.**

22 (a) The matter under the heading “Bureau of Alco-
23 hol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives—Salaries and Ex-
24 penses” in title I of division B of the Consolidated and
25 Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2012 (18 U.S.C.

1 923 note; Public Law 112–55; 125 Stat. 609–610) is
2 amended by striking the 6th proviso.

3 (b) The 6th proviso under the heading “Bureau of
4 Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives—Salaries and
5 Expenses” in title II of division B of the Consolidated Ap-
6 propriations Act, 2010 (18 U.S.C. 923 note; Public Law
7 111–117; 123 Stat. 3128–3129) is amended by striking
8 “beginning in fiscal year 2010 and thereafter” and insert-
9 ing “in fiscal year 2010”.

10 (c) The 6th proviso under the heading “Bureau of
11 Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives—Salaries and
12 Expenses” in title II of division B of the Omnibus Appro-
13 priations Act, 2009 (18 U.S.C. 923 note; Public Law 111–
14 8; 123 Stat. 574–576) is amended by striking “beginning
15 in fiscal year 2009 and thereafter” and inserting “in fiscal
16 year 2009”.

17 (d) The 6th proviso under the heading “Bureau of
18 Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives—Salaries and
19 Expenses” in title II of division B of the Consolidated Ap-
20 propriations Act, 2008 (18 U.S.C. 923 note; Public Law
21 110–161; 121 Stat. 1903–1904) is amended by striking
22 “beginning in fiscal year 2008 and thereafter” and insert-
23 ing “in fiscal year 2008”.

24 (e) The 6th proviso under the heading “Bureau of
25 Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives—Salaries and

1 Expenses” in title I of the Science, State, Justice, Com-
2 merce, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006
3 (18 U.S.C. 923 note; Public Law 109–108; 119 Stat.
4 2295–2296) is amended by striking “with respect to any
5 fiscal year”.

6 (f) The 6th proviso under the heading in title I of
7 division B of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005
8 (18 U.S.C. 923 note; Public Law 108–447; 118 Stat.
9 2859–2860) is amended by striking “with respect to any
10 fiscal year”.

11 **SEC. 4. REPEAL OF LIMITATION ON IMPOSITION OF RE-**
12 **QUIREMENT THAT FIREARMS DEALERS TO**
13 **CONDUCT PHYSICAL CHECK OF FIREARMS**
14 **INVENTORY.**

15 The matter under the heading “Bureau of Alcohol,
16 Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives—Salaries and Ex-
17 penses” in title I of division B of the Consolidated and
18 Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2012 (18 U.S.C.
19 923 note; Public Law 112–55; 125 Stat. 609–610) is
20 amended by striking the 7th proviso.

1 **SEC. 5. REPEAL OF REQUIREMENT TO DESTROY INSTANT**
2 **CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK RECORDS**
3 **WITHIN 24 HOURS.**

4 Section 511 of the Consolidated and Further Con-
5 tinuing Appropriations Act, 2012 (18 U.S.C. 922 note;
6 Public Law 112–55; 125 Stat. 632) is amended—

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

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

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