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1ST SESSION

H. R. 1545

To amend title 18, United States Code, to require that the Director of the Bureau of Prisons ensure that each chief executive officer of a Federal penal or correctional institution provides a secure storage area located outside of the secure perimeter of the Federal penal or correctional institution for firearms carried by certain employees of the Bureau of Prisons, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 23, 2015

Mr. NUGENT (for himself, Mr. JOLLY, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mr. COOK, and Mr. WALZ) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Lieutenant Osvaldo
3 Albarati Correctional Officer Self-Protection Act of
4 2015”.

5 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

6 Congress finds that—

7 (1) the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of
8 2004 (Public Law 108–277; 118 Stat. 865) gives
9 certain law enforcement officers, including certain
10 correctional officers of the Bureau of Prisons, the
11 right to carry a concealed firearm in all 50 States
12 for self-protection;

13 (2) the purpose of that Act is to allow certain
14 law enforcement officers to protect themselves while
15 off duty;

16 (3) correctional officers of the Bureau of Pris-
17 ons have been the targets of assaults and murders
18 while off duty; and

19 (4) while that Act allows certain law enforce-
20 ment officers to protect themselves off duty, the Di-
21 rector of the Bureau of Prisons allows correctional
22 officers of the Bureau of Prisons to securely store
23 personal firearms at only 33 Federal penal and cor-
24 rectional institutions while at work.

1 **SEC. 3. SECURE FIREARMS STORAGE.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 303 of title 18, United
3 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
4 lowing:

5 **“§ 4049. Secure firearms storage**

6 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

7 “(1) the term ‘employee’ means a qualified law
8 enforcement officer employed by the Bureau of Pris-
9 ons; and

10 “(2) the terms ‘firearm’ and ‘qualified law en-
11 forcement officer’ have the meanings given those
12 terms under section 926B.

13 “(b) SECURE FIREARMS STORAGE.—The Director of
14 the Bureau of Prisons shall ensure that each chief execu-
15 tive officer of a Federal penal or correctional institution—

16 “(1)(A) provides a secure storage area located
17 outside of the secure perimeter of the institution for
18 employees to store firearms; or

19 “(B) allows employees to store firearms in a ve-
20 hicle lockbox approved by the Director of the Bureau
21 of Prisons; and

22 “(2) notwithstanding any other provision of law
23 (including regulations), allows employees to carry
24 concealed firearms on the premises outside of the se-
25 cure perimeter of the institution.”.

1 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—
2 The table of sections for chapter 303 of title 18, United
3 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
4 lowing:

“4049. Secure firearms storage.”.

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