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H. R. 2342

To amend title 18, United States Code, to permit gunsmiths to obtain a Federal firearms license without having to comply with State or local laws relating to zoning of firearms businesses.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 31, 1997

Mr. KLECZKA 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. GUNSMITHS PERMITTED TO OBTAIN FEDERAL**
2 **FIREARMS LICENSE WITHOUT HAVING TO**
3 **COMPLY WITH STATE OR LOCAL LAWS RE-**
4 **LATING TO ZONING OF FIREARMS BUSI-**
5 **NESSES.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 923(d)(1)(F) of title 18,
7 United States Code, is amended—

8 (1) by striking the period and inserting a
9 comma; and

10 (2) by adding after and below the end the fol-
11 lowing:

12 “except that, if the application is for (or to renew)
13 a gunsmith license, the applicant shall not be re-
14 quired to make any certification regarding compli-
15 ance with any State or local law relating to the zon-
16 ing of firearms businesses, and any certification
17 made by the applicant shall be construed to be lim-
18 ited to laws other than such zoning laws.”.

19 (b) GUNSMITH DEFINED.—Section 921(a) of such
20 title is amended by adding at the end the following:

21 “(34) The term ‘gunsmith’ means any person en-
22 gaged in the business of repairing firearms, or of making
23 or fitting special barrels, stocks, or trigger mechanisms
24 to firearms. The term ‘licensed gunsmith’ means any gun-
25 smith who is licensed under this chapter. Except as pro-
26 vided in paragraph (21)(D) of this subsection and section

1 923(d)(1)(F) of this title, this chapter shall apply to gun-
2 smiths and licensed gunsmiths in the same manner in
3 which this chapter applies to dealers and licensed dealers,
4 respectively.”.

5 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

6 (1) Section 921(a)(11) of such title is amend-
7 ed—

8 (A) by adding “and” at the end of sub-
9 paragraph (A); and

10 (B) by striking subparagraph (B) and re-
11 designating subparagraph (C) as subparagraph
12 (B).

13 (2) Section 921(a)(21)(D) of such title is
14 amended by striking “dealer in firearms, as defined
15 in section 921(a)(11)(B)” and inserting “gunsmith”.

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