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S. 2978

Relating to State regulation of access to hunting and fishing.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BURNS, Mr. STEVENS and Mr. ENSIGN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

Relating to State regulation of access to hunting and fishing.

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. STATE REGULATION OF ACCESS TO HUNTING**
4 **AND FISHING.**

5 (a) DECLARATION OF POLICY.—Congress hereby de-
6 clares that—

7 (1) the continued regulation of access to hunt-
8 ing and fishing by the several States is in the public
9 interest; and

10 (2) silence on the part of Congress shall not be
11 construed to impose any commerce clause barrier to

1 the regulation of such activities by the several
2 States.

3 (b) STATE REGULATION OF ACCESS TO HUNTING
4 AND FISHING.—The licensing of hunting and fishing, or
5 of other access thereto, and every person engaged in hunt-
6 ing or fishing, shall be subject to the laws of the several
7 States which relate to the regulation of such activities.

8 (c) CONSTRUCTION.—No Act of Congress shall be
9 construed to invalidate, impair, or supersede any law en-
10 acted by any State for the purpose of regulating the access
11 to hunting and fishing unless such Act specifically so
12 states.

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