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S. 1537

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 16, 2019

Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. ROUNDS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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 “Lifesaving Gear for
5 Police Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCESS TO**
7 **LIFESAVING FEDERAL EQUIPMENT.**

8 (a) UNENFORCEABILITY OF CERTAIN REGULATIONS

9 UNLESS ENACTED INTO LAW.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—No regulation, rule, guid-
2 ance, policy, or recommendations issued on or after
3 May 15, 2015, that limits the sale or donation of
4 property of the Federal Government, including ex-
5 cess property of the Department of Defense, to
6 State and local agencies for law enforcement activi-
7 ties (whether pursuant to section 2576a of title 10,
8 United States Code, or any other provision of law,
9 or as a condition on the use of Federal funds), shall
10 have any force or effect after the date of the enact-
11 ment of this Act unless enacted into law by Con-
12 gress.

13 (2) PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS TO EN-
14 FORCE REGULATIONS.—No agency or instrumen-
15 tality of the Federal Government may use any Fed-
16 eral funds, fees, or resources to implement or carry
17 out a regulation, rule, guidance, policy, or rec-
18 ommendation issued as described in subsection (a)
19 that is not enacted into law by Congress.

20 (b) RETURN OR REISSUE OF EQUIPMENT RECALLED
21 OR SEIZED PURSUANT TO REGULATIONS.—Any property
22 recalled or seized on or after May 15, 2015, pursuant to
23 a regulation, rule, guidance, policy, or recommendation
24 issued as described in subsection (a), shall be returned,
25 replaced, or re-issued to the agency from which recalled

- 1 or seized, at no cost to such agency, as soon as practicable
- 2 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

