

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 10487

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to provide temporary firearm storage to veterans who seek to store their firearms outside of their residence due to certain mental health conditions, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 18, 2024

Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' 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 “Armory Project Ex-
5 pansion Act of 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. PILOT PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VET-**
2 **ERANS AFFAIRS REGARDING STORAGE OF**
3 **FIREARMS OF CERTAIN VETERANS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
5 date of the enactment of this Act, Secretary of Veterans
6 Affairs shall implement a pilot program under which the
7 Secretary shall seek to enter into an agreement with a li-
8 censed firearms dealer who, pursuant to such agreement,
9 shall temporarily store, on premises under the control of
10 such licensed firearm dealer, the firearm of a veteran
11 who—

12 (1) suffers from—

13 (A) depression associated with post-trau-
14 matic stress disorder; or

15 (B) suicidal thoughts; and

16 (2) elects to participate in the pilot program.

17 (b) USE OF EXISTING FINDINGS.—To implement the
18 pilot program, the Secretary shall use the findings from
19 similar research or pilot programs of the Department of
20 Veterans Affairs, including the pilot program known as
21 “the Armory Project”.

22 (c) LIMITATION ON LIABILITY.—No cause of action
23 shall lie in any Federal court against a licensed firearms
24 dealer for any lawful act or omission under the pilot pro-
25 gram that results in personal injury to, or the death of,
26 any person.

1 (d) LOCATIONS.—The Secretary shall implement the
2 pilot program in not more than five States.

3 (e) TERMINATION.—The pilot program shall termi-
4 nate three years after the day the Secretary implements
5 the pilot program.

6 (f) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the ter-
7 mination of the pilot program, the Secretary shall submit
8 to the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate and
9 House of Representatives a report on the pilot program,
10 including any recommendations of the Secretary based on
11 the results of the pilot program.

12 (g) LICENSED FIREARMS DEALER DEFINED.—In
13 this section, the term “licensed firearms dealer” has the
14 meaning given the term “licensed dealer” in section 921
15 of title 18, United States Code.

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