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S. 3085

To ensure that certain operations, functions, and services of the Federal Government relating to enforcement of firearms laws and firearm export licensing continue during a lapse in appropriations.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 30, 2025

Mr. RISCH (for himself, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DAINES, Mr. LANKFORD, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. JUSTICE, Mr. SHEEHY, and Mr. RICKETTS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Firearm Access During
5 Shutdowns Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONTINUATION OF CERTAIN FIREARM-RELATED**
2 **OPERATIONS DURING GOVERNMENT SHUT-**
3 **DOWN.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The operations, functions, and
5 services described in subsection (b) shall be deemed to re-
6 late to an emergency involving the safety of human life
7 or the protection of property for purposes of section 1342
8 of title 31, United States Code, and the employees car-
9 rying out those operations, functions, and services shall
10 be deemed to be excepted employees, as defined in section
11 1341(c) of that title.

12 (b) OPERATIONS, FUNCTIONS, AND SERVICES.—The
13 operations, functions, and services described in this sub-
14 section are the operations, functions, and services of—

15 (1) the National Instant Criminal Background
16 Check System of the Federal Bureau of Investiga-
17 tion, including the processing of background checks
18 in support of the operations of the Directorate of
19 Enforcement Programs and Services of the Bureau
20 of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives;

21 (2) the Directorate of Enforcement Programs
22 and Services of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco,
23 Firearms and Explosives;

24 (3) the Bureau of Industry and Security of the
25 Department of Commerce relating to firearms and

1 firearm-related products, including activities related
2 to processing of applications for export licenses; and
3 (4) the Directorate of Defense Trade Controls
4 of the Department of State relating to firearms and
5 firearm-related products, including activities related
6 to processing of applications for export licenses.

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