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HR 2088

Veterans' Heritage Firearms Act of 2005

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Rep. Kuhl, John R. "Randy", Jr. [R-NY-29]	R · NY	May 4, 2005
Rep. Lewis, Ron [R-KY-2]	R · KY	May 4, 2005
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Rep. Mollohan, Alan B. [D-WV-1]	D·WV	May 4, 2005
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Rep. Pearce, Stevan [R-NM-2]	$R \cdot NM$	May 4, 2005
Rep. Peterson, John E. [R-PA-5]	$R \cdot PA$	May 4, 2005
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Rep. Ross, Mike [D-AR-4]	D · AR	May 4, 2005

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Rep. Salazar, John T. [D-CO-3] Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-32]	R·TX		May 4, 2005
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Rep. Shimkus, John [R-IL-19]	R·IL		May 4, 2005
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Rep. Beauprez, Bob [R-CO-7]	R · CO		Feb 1, 2006
Rep. Gallegly, Elton [R-CA-24]	$R \cdot CA$		Apr 5, 2006
Rep. Barrow, John [D-GA-12]	D · GA		Apr 25, 2006
Rep. Murtha, John P. [D-PA-12]	D · PA		May 3, 2006
Rep. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS-1]	$R \cdot MS$		May 3, 2006
Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]	$R \cdot AK$		May 3, 2006
Rep. Foxx, Virginia [R-NC-5]	$R \cdot NC$		May 9, 2006
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Rep. Sodrel, Michael E. [R-IN-9]	$R \cdot IN$		May 19, 2006
Rep. Boucher, Rick [D-VA-9]	$D \cdot VA$		May 25, 2006
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Rep. Schwarz, John J.H. "Joe" [R-MI-7]	$R \cdot MI$		May 25, 2006
Rep. Shadegg, John B. [R-AZ-3]	$R \cdot AZ$		May 25, 2006
Rep. Westmoreland, Lynn A. [R-GA-8]	$R \cdot GA$		May 25, 2006
Rep. Alexander, Rodney [R-LA-5]	$R \cdot LA$		Jun 9, 2006
Rep. Berry, Marion [D-AR-1]	D · AR		Jun 9, 2006
Rep. Boyd, Allen [D-FL-2]	D·FL		Jun 9, 2006
Rep. Cantor, Eric [R-VA-7]	$R \cdot VA$		Jun 9, 2006
Rep. Davis, Geoff [R-KY-4]	$R \cdot KY$		Jun 9, 2006
Rep. Davis, Lincoln [D-TN-4]	D · TN		Jun 9, 2006
Rep. Doolittle, John T. [R-CA-4]	R·CA		Jun 9, 2006
Rep. Drake, Thelma D. [R-VA-2]	$R \cdot VA$		Jun 9, 2006
Rep. Hensarling, Jeb [R-TX-5]	$R \cdot TX$		Jun 9, 2006
Rep. Jenkins, William L. [R-TN-1]	R · TN		Jun 9, 2006
Rep. Rahall, Nick J., II [D-WV-3]	D · WV		Jun 9, 2006
Rep. Bonilla, Henry [R-TX-23]	$R \cdot TX$		Jun 15, 2006

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Rep. Green, Mark [R-WI-8]	R · WI		Jul 13, 2006
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Rep. Brown, Henry E., Jr. [R-SC-1]	R · SC		Jul 20, 2006
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Rep. Cardoza, Dennis A. [D-CA-18]	D · CA		Sep 7, 2006
Rep. Graves, Sam [R-MO-6]	$R \cdot MO$		Sep 7, 2006
Rep. Kline, John [R-MN-2]	$R \cdot MN$		Sep 21, 2006
Rep. Campbell, John [R-CA-48]	R·CA		Sep 28, 2006
Rep. Sullivan, John [R-OK-1]	R · OK		Sep 28, 2006
Rep. Walden, Greg [R-OR-2]	R · OR		Sep 28, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 6, 2005
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	May 4, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of May 4, 2005)

Veterans' Heritage Firearms Act of 2005 - Provides a 90-day amnesty period during which veterans and their family members can register in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record any firearm acquired before October 31, 1968, by a veteran while a member of the armed forces stationed outside the continental United States. Grants such an individual limited immunity under the Federal criminal code and the Internal Revenue Code with respect to the acquisition, possession, transportation, or alteration of such firearm before or concurrent with such registration. Extends such immunity to a veteran who attempts to register a qualifying firearm outside of the amnesty period if the veteran surrenders the firearm within 30 days after being notified of potential criminal liability for continued possession.

Requires the Attorney General to: (1) transfer each firearm qualifying as a curio or relic which has been forfeited to the United States to the first qualified museum that requests it; and (2) publish information identifying each such firearm which is available to be transferred to a museum. Prohibits the Attorney General from destroying any such firearm which has been forfeited until five years after the forfeiture. Requires that any firearm transferred to a qualified museum be registered to the transferee.

Makes a prohibition against transfer or possession of a machine-gun inapplicable to a transfer to or by, or possession by, a museum which is open to the public and incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation under applicable State law.

Actions Timeline

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