

HR 654

50 Caliber Sniper Rifle Reduction Act

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Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Rep. Andrews, Robert E. [D-NJ-1]	D · NJ		Nov 14, 2005
Rep. Farr, Sam [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Feb 8, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 3, 2005
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 8, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 S 935	Related bill	Apr 28, 2005: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S4552-4553)

50 Caliber Sniper Rifle Reduction Act - Amends the National Firearms Act to include a 50 caliber sniper weapon (defined as a rifle capable of firing a center-fire 50 caliber cartridge) within the definition of a "firearm" regulated under that Act.

Modifies the definition of "rifle" under the Act to include a weapon intended to be fired from a bipod or other support.

Amends the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act to prohibit the transfer or possession of a 50 caliber sniper weapon, with exceptions involving: (1) the transfer to or possession by the United States, a State, or a political subdivision thereof; and (2) otherwise lawful possession of a weapon that was lawfully possessed before the date this provision takes effect. Includes 50 caliber sniper weapons within the scope of penalties under that Act for which an individual may be fined, imprisoned for up to ten years, or both.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 2, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
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