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S 2577

Gun Show Background Check Act of 2008

Congress: 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

Introduced: Jan 30, 2008

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Jan 30, 2008)

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 2237	Related bill	Oct 25, 2007: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Summary (as of Jan 30, 2008)

Gun Show Background Check Act of 2008 - Amends the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act to require registration of gun show promoters and to set forth the responsibilities of promoters, licensees, and other transferors. Provides that if any part of a firearm transaction takes place at a gun show, each licensed importer, manufacturer, and dealer who transfers one or more firearms to a person who is not licensed shall, within ten days after the transfer, submit a report of the transfer to the Attorney General. Sets forth penalties for violations.

Grants the Attorney General authority to enter the place of business of any gun show promoter and any place where a gun show is held, during business hours and without a showing of reasonable cause or a warrant, for purposes of examining records and the inventory of licensees conducting business to determine compliance with this Act.

Increases penalties for: (1) serious record-keeping violations by licensees; and (2) violations of criminal background check requirements.

Actions Timeline

- Jan 30, 2008: Introduced in Senate
- Jan 30, 2008: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S496-497)
- Jan 30, 2008: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.