

## HR 173

### Home Defense and Competitive Shooting Act of 2023

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Taxation

**Introduced:** Jan 9, 2023

**Current Status:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned. (Jan 9, 2023)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/173>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Griffith, H. Morgan [R-VA-9]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** VA • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (10 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Duncan, Jeff [R-SC-3]	R · SC		Jan 17, 2023
Rep. Good, Bob [R-VA-5]	R · VA		Jan 17, 2023
Rep. Miller, Mary E. [R-IL-15]	R · IL		Jan 17, 2023
Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-17]	R · TX		Jan 20, 2023
Rep. Weber, Randy K., Sr. [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Jan 20, 2023
Rep. Hinson, Ashley [R-IA-2]	R · IA		Jan 24, 2023
Rep. Cline, Ben [R-VA-6]	R · VA		Jan 25, 2023
Rep. Harshbarger, Diana [R-TN-1]	R · TN		Feb 14, 2023
Rep. Mast, Brian J. [R-FL-21]	R · FL		Feb 17, 2023
Rep. Bost, Mike [R-IL-12]	R · IL		Apr 25, 2023

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 9, 2023
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 9, 2023

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Taxation

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 163	Related bill	Jan 31, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

## **Home Defense and Competitive Shooting Act of 2023**

This bill removes short-barreled rifles (barrels of less than 16 inches in length) from the definition of firearms for purposes of the National Firearms Act. It also eliminates the prohibition on the transportation of such rifles in interstate commerce and treats persons who acquire or possess a short-barreled rifle as meeting the registration or licensing requirements for such rifle where such requirements are determined by reference to the National Firearms Act.

The bill preempts state or local laws that impose a tax or recordkeeping requirements on short-barreled rifles.

The Department of Justice must destroy records relating to the registration of certain rifles within one year after the enactment of this bill.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jan 9, 2023:** Introduced in House
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