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Why Does the IRS Need Guns Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

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Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** IA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 13, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 4431	Identical bill	<b>Jun 30, 2023:</b> Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
118 HR 4436	Identical bill	<b>Jun 30, 2023:</b> 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.

## Why Does the IRS Need Guns Act

This bill prohibits the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) from using appropriated funds to purchase, receive, or store any firearm or ammunition. It also requires the IRS to transfer to the General Services Administration (GSA) any firearms or ammunition owned or under the control of the IRS. Within 30 days of such transfer, the GSA must initiate the sale or auction of any firearms to licensed dealers and the auction of any ammunition to the general public.

The bill grants the Department of Justice authority over the administration and enforcement of criminal investigations with respect to the sale or transfer of firearms and ammunition.

## Actions Timeline

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