

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4184

To repeal the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act, and provide for the discoverability and admissibility of gun trace information in civil proceedings.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 15, 2023

Mr. SCHIFF (for himself, Mr. EVANS, Mr. CROW, Mr. AUCHINCLOSS, Ms. BALINT, Mr. BEYER, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. BUSH, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. CARSON, Mr. CASTEN, Ms. CHU, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. CONNOLLY, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. FROST, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. KIM of New Jersey, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. LYNCH, Ms. MENG, Mr. MORELLE, Mr. NADLER, Mr. NEGUSE, Ms. NORTON, Ms. PETERSEN, Mr. POCAN, Ms. PORTER, Mr. QUIGLEY, Ms. SCANLON, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Ms. STEVENS, Ms. STRICKLAND, Mr. SWALWELL, Ms. TITUS, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. TORRES of New York, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, and Ms. WILSON of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Equal Access to Jus-
3 tice for Victims of Gun Violence Act of 2023”.

4 **SEC. 2. REPEAL OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE PROTEC-**
5 **TION OF LAWFUL COMMERCE IN ARMS ACT.**

6 Sections 2 through 4 of the Protection of Lawful
7 Commerce in Arms Act (15 U.S.C. 7901–7903) are re-
8 pealed.

9 **SEC. 3. DISCOVERABILITY AND ADMISSIBILITY OF GUN**
10 **TRACE INFORMATION IN CIVIL PRO-**
11 **CEEDINGS.**

12 The contents of the Firearms Trace System database
13 maintained by the National Trace Center of the Bureau
14 of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives shall not be
15 immune from legal process, shall be subject to subpoena
16 or other discovery, shall be admissible as evidence, and
17 may be used, relied on, or disclosed in any manner, and
18 testimony or other evidence may be permitted based on
19 the data, on the same basis as other information, in a civil
20 action in any State (including the District of Columbia)
21 or Federal court or in an administrative proceeding.

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