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H. R. 3799

To provide that silencers be treated the same as long guns.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 22, 2015

Mr. SALMON (for himself, Mr. GUINTA, Mr. CARTER of Texas, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. COLLINS of New York, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. HUELSKAMP, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mrs. LOVE, Mr. LAMALFA, and Mr. STEWART) introduced the following bill; which was 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

A BILL

To provide that silencers be treated the same as long guns.

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Hearing Protection
5 Act of 2015”.

6 **SEC. 2. EQUAL TREATMENT OF SILENCERS AND FIREARMS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5845(a) of the Internal
8 Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “(7) any

1 silencer” and all that follows through “; and (8)” and in-
2 serting “; and (7)”.

3 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The amendment made by
5 this section shall take effect on the date of the en-
6 actment of this Act.

7 (2) TRANSFERS.—In the case of the tax im-
8 posed by section 5811 of such Code, the amendment
9 made by this section shall apply with respect to
10 transfers after October 22, 2015.

11 **SEC. 3. TREATMENT OF CERTAIN SILENCERS.**

12 Section 5841 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986
13 is amended by adding at the end the following:

14 “(f) FIREARM SILENCERS.—A person acquiring or
15 possessing a firearm silencer in accordance with Chapter
16 44 of title 18, United States Code, shall be treated as
17 meeting any registration and licensing requirements of the
18 National Firearms Act (as in effect on the day before the
19 date of the enactment of this subsection) with respect to
20 such silencer.”.

21 **SEC. 4. PREEMPTION OF CERTAIN STATE LAWS IN RELA-**
22 **TION TO FIREARM SILENCERS.**

23 Section 927 of title 18, United States Code, is
24 amended by adding at the end the following: “Notwith-
25 standing the preceding sentence, a law of a State or a

1 political subdivision of a State that, as a condition of law-
2 fully making, transferring, using, possessing, or trans-
3 porting a firearm silencer in or affecting interstate or for-
4 eign commerce, imposes a tax on any such conduct, or a
5 marking, recordkeeping or registration requirement with
6 respect to the firearm silencer, shall have no force or ef-
7 fect.”.

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