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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. GIBBS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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# 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Recreational Lands  
5 Self-Defense Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROTECTING AMERICANS FROM VIOLENT CRIME.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

1           (1) The Second Amendment to the Constitution  
2           provides that “the right of the people to keep and  
3           bear Arms, shall not be infringed”.

4           (2) Section 327.13 of title 36, Code of Federal  
5           Regulations, provides that, except in special cir-  
6           cumstances, “possession of loaded firearms, ammu-  
7           nition, loaded projectile firing devices, bows and ar-  
8           rows, crossbows, or other weapons is prohibited” at  
9           water resources development projects administered  
10          by the Secretary of the Army.

11          (3) The regulations described in paragraph (2)  
12          prevent individuals complying with Federal and  
13          State laws from exercising the Second Amendment  
14          rights of the individuals while at such water re-  
15          sources development projects.

16          (4) The Federal laws should make it clear that  
17          the Second Amendment rights of an individual at a  
18          water resources development project should not be  
19          infringed.

20          (b) PROTECTING THE RIGHT OF INDIVIDUALS TO  
21          BEAR ARMS AT WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT  
22          PROJECTS.—The Secretary of the Army shall not promul-  
23          gate or enforce any regulation that prohibits an individual  
24          from possessing a firearm, including an assembled, func-  
25          tional, or loaded firearm, at a water resources development

1 project covered under section 327.0 of title 36, Code of  
2 Federal Regulations (as in effect on the date of enactment  
3 of this Act), if—

4 (1) the individual is not otherwise prohibited by  
5 law from possessing the firearm; and

6 (2) the possession of the firearm is in compli-  
7 ance with the law of the State in which the water  
8 resources development project is located.