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To protect the right of individuals to bear arms at water resources development projects administered by the Secretary of the Army, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GIBBS (for himself, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. JONES, Mr. HUELSKAMP, Mr. RIBBLE, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. BENISHEK, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. TURNER, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. COLLINS of New York, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. ROSS, Mr. SALMON, Mr. LATTA, Mr. WOMACK, Mr. LONG, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. PEARCE, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. HULTGREN, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. COLE, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. HARRIS, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. ROONEY of Florida, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. BABIN, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. POE of Texas, Mr. POMPEO, and Mr. RUSSELL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Recreational Lands
3 Self-Defense Act of 2015”.

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

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

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

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

16 (3) The regulations described in paragraph (2)
17 prevent individuals complying with Federal and
18 State laws from exercising the second amendment
19 rights of the individuals while at such water re-
20 sources development projects.

21 (4) The Federal laws should make it clear that
22 the second amendment rights of an individual at a
23 water resources development project should not be
24 infringed.

25 (b) PROTECTING THE RIGHT OF INDIVIDUALS TO
26 BEAR ARMS AT WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

1 PROJECTS.—The Secretary of the Army shall not promul-
2 gate or enforce any regulation that prohibits an individual
3 from possessing a firearm, including an assembled or func-
4 tional firearm, at a water resources development project
5 covered under section 327.0 of title 36, Code of Federal
6 Regulations (as in effect on the date of enactment of this
7 Act), if—

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

10 (2) the possession of the firearm is in compli-
11 ance with the law of the State in which the water
12 resources development project is located.

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