

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 3531

To prohibit actions to carry out the Department of Commerce’s pause in the issuance of new export licenses for certain exports under the Commerce Control List.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 14, 2023

Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. COTTON, Mr. DAINES, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, and Mr. THUNE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

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 “Protect American Gun
5 Exporters Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON ACTIONS TO CARRY OUT THE DE-**
2 **PARTMENT OF COMMERCE'S PAUSE IN THE**
3 **ISSUANCE OF NEW EXPORT LICENSES FOR**
4 **CERTAIN EXPORTS UNDER THE COMMERCE**
5 **CONTROL LIST.**

6 Effective beginning on the date of the enactment of
7 this Act, the Secretary of Commerce—

8 (1) may not take any action to carry out the
9 Department of Commerce's assessment or any policy
10 changes resulting from the assessment announced on
11 October 27, 2023, relating to the Department's
12 pause in the issuance of new export licenses for ex-
13 ports of all items controlled under Export Control
14 Classification Numbers 0A501, 0A502, 0A504, and
15 0A505 of the Commerce Control List; and

16 (2) may not take any substantially similar ac-
17 tion to pause or otherwise suspend or prohibit the
18 issuance of new export licenses for exports of any or
19 all items described in paragraph (1).

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