



Brady Opposes Dangerous Gun Provisions in SHARE Act

A gun-lobby sponsored bill, *H.R. 3668 "Sportsmen's Heritage and Recreational Enhancement Act"* or "SHARE Act" was introduced by Rep. Jeff Duncan [R-SC] on September 1, 2017, and hastily moved through the Natural Resources Committee. The bill would change federal conservation and land management policies to allow for greater hunting, fishing and sportsmanship on federal lands. However, it contains a number of gun-related provisions that will expand the availability and use of high-powered firearms and armor-piercing ammunition and endanger public safety.

The deceptively titled bill [weakens existing and effective federal gun laws](#), and includes language to remove silencers from the National Firearms Act (NFA). This would make silencers widely available – without any background check - to dangerous and prohibited people nationwide. Currently, the NFA requires potential buyers to submit fingerprints, a photograph, pay a special tax, and undergo a federal background check through the National Instant Check System (NICS) system. The silencer provision in the SHARE Act would weaken this regime and remove them from NFA oversight. If enacted, silencers could be sold by federally licensed firearm dealers and treated like long guns, which would allow them to be easily diverted into prohibited hands, like we currently see with firearms through private sales at gun shows, online, or otherwise.

The SHARE Act also contains numerous other pro-gun lobby provisions, including:

- Allow concealed carry in more than 400 Army Corps of Engineers operated sites in 43 states
- Direct the Bureau of Land Management to promote hunting and shooting on public lands
- Loosen federal law & preempt state laws on the transport of firearms & ammunition across state lines
- Eliminate ATF authority to deem certain ammunition as "armor piercing"
- Roll back current federal ATF rules that limit importation of certain types of assault-style rifles and "armor-piercing" ammunition
- Restrict ATF from classifying certain types of shotguns, large shotgun shells & large-caliber rifles as "destructive devices" and thereby not subject them to NFA regulations
- Creates a private right of action for individuals to sue law enforcement officers and agencies that inquire about carrying of guns