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S. 1588

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 SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 21, 2011

Mr. WEBB (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. JOHANNIS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. COBURN, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. COCHRAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

A BILL

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.

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 Land
5 Self-Defense Act of 2011”.

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

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

1 (1) the Second Amendment of 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 the water resources
15 development projects; and

16 (4) Federal laws should make it clear that the
17 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 or func-
25 tional firearm, at a water resources development project

1 covered under part 327 of title 36, Code of Federal Regu-
2 lations (as in effect on the date of enactment of this Act),
3 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.

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