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# H. R. 5289

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove short-barreled rifles from the definition of firearms for purposes of the National Firearms Act, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 3, 2019

Mr. MARSHALL (for himself, Mr. GAETZ, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. STEUBE, Mr. BUDD, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. WATKINS, Mr. BABIN, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. YOHO, Mr. MEADOWS, Mr. GRIFFITH, Mr. HICE of Georgia, and Mr. ESTES) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove short-barreled rifles from the definition of firearms for purposes of the National Firearms Act, 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 “Home Defense and  
5 Competitive Shooting Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. SHORT-BARRELED RIFLES.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5845(a) of the Internal  
3 Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—

4 (1) by striking “(3) a rifle” and all that follows  
5 through “(5) any other weapon” and inserting “(3)  
6 any other weapon”; and

7 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (6), (7), and  
8 (8) as paragraphs (4), (5), and (6), respectively.

9 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
10 this section shall apply to calendar quarters beginning  
11 more than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this  
12 Act.

13 **SEC. 3. ELIMINATION OF DISPARATE TREATMENT OF**  
14 **SHORT-BARRELED RIFLES USED FOR LAW-**  
15 **FUL PURPOSES.**

16 Section 922 of title 18, United States Code, is  
17 amended in each of subsections (a)(4) and (b)(4) by strik-  
18 ing “short-barreled shotgun, or short-barreled rifle” and  
19 inserting “or short-barreled shotgun”.

20 **SEC. 4. TREATMENT OF SHORT-BARRELED RIFLES DETER-**  
21 **MINED BY REFERENCE TO NATIONAL FIRE-**  
22 **ARMS ACT.**

23 Section 5841 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986  
24 is amended by adding at the end the following:

25 “(f) SHORT-BARRELED RIFLE REQUIREMENTS DE-  
26 TERMINED BY REFERENCE.—In the case of any short-bar-

1 reled rifle registration or licensing requirement under  
2 State or local law which is determined by reference to the  
3 National Firearms Act, any person who acquires or pos-  
4 sesses such a rifle in accordance with chapter 44 of title  
5 18, United States Code, shall be treated as meeting any  
6 such registration or licensing requirement with respect to  
7 such rifle.”.

8 **SEC. 5. PREEMPTION OF CERTAIN STATE LAWS IN RELA-**  
9 **TION TO SHORT-BARRELED RIFLES.**

10 Section 927 of title 18, United States Code, is  
11 amended by adding at the end the following: “Notwith-  
12 standing the preceding sentence, a law of a State or a  
13 political subdivision of a State that imposes a tax, other  
14 than a generally applicable sales or use tax, on making,  
15 transferring, using, possessing, or transporting a short-  
16 barreled rifle in or affecting interstate or foreign com-  
17 merce, or imposes a marking, recordkeeping or registra-  
18 tion requirement with respect to such a rifle, shall have  
19 no force or effect.”.

20 **SEC. 6. DESTRUCTION OF RECORDS.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 365 days after the  
22 date of the enactment of this Act, the Attorney General  
23 shall destroy any registration of an applicable rifle main-  
24 tained in the National Firearms Registration and Trans-  
25 fer Record pursuant to section 5841 of the Internal Rev-

1 enue Code of 1986, any application to transfer filed under  
2 section 5812 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 that  
3 identifies the transferee of an applicable rifle, and any ap-  
4 plication to make filed under section 5822 of the Internal  
5 Revenue Code of 1986 that identifies the maker of an ap-  
6 plicable rifle.

7 (b) APPLICABLE RIFLE.—For purposes of this sec-  
8 tion, the term “applicable rifle” means a rifle, or weapon  
9 made from a rifle, described in paragraph (3) or (4) of  
10 section 5845(a) of such Code (as in effect on the day be-  
11 fore the enactment of the Home Defense and Competitive  
12 Shooting Act of 2019).

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