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## H.R. 1691

# THE SECOND AMENDMENT PROTECTION ACT

*H.R. 1691, the Second Amendment Protection Act, would affirm the right to keep and bear arms and strengthen protections for law-abiding gun owners. The bill ensures American citizens can freely exercise their Constitutional rights across all 50 of the sovereign states.*

### **Makes Gun Sales an Essential Service**

- Directs the Secretary of Homeland Security to identify licensed firearm manufacturers and dealers as essential business during certain national emergencies. This includes state and local orders relating to a national emergency or a major disaster declared by the Stafford Act.

### **Enables Firearm Sales Across State Lines**

- Allows licensed firearm importers, manufacturers, dealers, or collectors to sell or deliver any firearm to a resident of another state if the licensee meets with the purchaser to complete the sale or delivery and the transaction complies with the laws of the state in which it is conducted.
- Eliminates the requirement that an approved dealer must conduct business at a gun show only in the state specified on their license.

### **Strengthens Protections for Members of the U.S. Armed Forces**

- Allows a member of the U.S. Armed Forces on active duty or their spouse to own a firearm in the state where they maintain legal residence, the military member is permanently stationed, or where they maintain a home that they travel to and from the permanent station.

### **Protects Concealed Carry Gun Owners**

- Allows a qualified individual to carry a concealed handgun into or possess a concealed handgun in another state that allows individuals to carry concealed firearms.
- Authorizes a qualified individual who lawfully carries to possess the concealed handgun in federally-owned lands that are open to the public.

### **Supports States with Constitutional Carry Laws**

- Provides the same protections to legal handgun owners described in the concealed carry section to those who choose to openly carry their handgun.

### **Creates Gun Safety Tax Credits**

- Establishes a tax credit for taking a gun safety course and purchasing a gun safe.
- This tax credit would be 5% of first retail cost of a firearm storage device or safety course but would not exceed \$100.
- A gun safety course is defined as any course certified by a state, including courses required for hunting that involve firearm safety.

Read the bill text [here](#).