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S. 2863

To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 with respect to eligibility under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 18 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 16), 2025

Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. PADILLA) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Responsible Retire-
5 ment of Law Enforcement Firearms Act of 2025” or the
6 “RRLEF Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELIGIBILITY UNDER EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL**
 2 **JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM.**

3 (a) CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—Section 502 of
 4 title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act
 5 of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10153) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a)(5)—

7 (A) in subparagraph (C), by striking
 8 “and”;

9 (B) in subparagraph (D), by striking the
 10 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

11 (C) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(E) the applicant and each grantee or
 13 subgrantee under the jurisdiction of the appli-
 14 cant shall not transfer a firearm to, or purchase
 15 a firearm from, a licensed dealer that is on the
 16 list of covered licensed dealers most recently
 17 published at the time of certification by the Di-
 18 rector of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Fire-
 19 arms, and Explosives under section 2(b)(2) of
 20 the RRLEF Act of 2025.”; and

21 (2) by adding at the end the following:

22 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

23 “(1) the term ‘covered licensed dealer’ means a
 24 licensed dealer with respect to whom, in not less
 25 than two of the three calendar years prior to the
 26 publication of the list under section 2(b)(2) of the

1 RRLEF Act of 2025, the National Tracing Center
2 of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and
3 Explosives has traced to the firearms business of
4 such licensed dealer, in such calendar years, not less
5 than 25 firearms that had a short time-to-crime;

6 “(2) the terms ‘licensed dealer’ and ‘firearm’
7 have the meaning given such terms in section 921(a)
8 of title 18, United States Code; and

9 “(3) the term ‘short time-to-crime’ means, a pe-
10 riod of not more than three calendar years between
11 the date of the last known retail sale of a firearm
12 and the date on which a law enforcement agency re-
13 covers such firearm as a result of such firearm being
14 purchased for, possessed during, or used in, an ac-
15 tual or suspected criminal offense.”.

16 (b) PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF DATABASE INFORMA-
17 TION OF BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS
18 AND EXPLOSIVES.—Not later than 120 days after the
19 date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter,
20 the Attorney General, acting through the Director of the
21 Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives,
22 shall—

23 (1) notify a State or local law enforcement
24 agency if any firearm (as such term is defined in
25 section 921(a) of title 18, United States Code) that

1 was transferred by such agency was used, or sus-
 2 pected of being used, in the commission of a crimi-
 3 nal offense, as traced by the National Tracing Cen-
 4 ter of the Bureau; and

5 (2) make publicly available on the internet
 6 website of the Bureau a list of each covered licensed
 7 dealer (as such term is defined in section 502(c) of
 8 the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of
 9 1968, as added by subsection (a) of this section).

10 (c) REPEAL OF CERTAIN LIMITATIONS ON PUBLIC
 11 DISCLOSURE OF DATABASE INFORMATION OF BUREAU OF
 12 ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES.—

13 (1) PUBLIC LAW 112–55.—The 6th proviso in
 14 the matter under the under the heading “SALARIES
 15 AND EXPENSES” under the heading “BUREAU OF
 16 ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES”
 17 in title II of division B of the Consolidated and Fur-
 18 ther Continuing Appropriations Act, 2012 (18
 19 U.S.C. 923 note; Public Law 112–55) is amended by
 20 striking “and in each fiscal year thereafter”.

21 (2) PUBLIC LAW 111–117.—The 6th proviso in
 22 the matter under the heading “SALARIES AND EX-
 23 PENSES” under the heading “BUREAU OF ALCOHOL,
 24 TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES” in title II
 25 of division B of the Consolidated Appropriations

1 Act, 2010 (18 U.S.C. 923 note; Public Law 111–
2 117) is amended by striking “beginning in fiscal
3 year 2010 and thereafter” and inserting “in fiscal
4 year 2010”.

5 (3) PUBLIC LAW 111–8.—The 6th proviso in the
6 matter under the heading “SALARIES AND EX-
7 PENSES” under the heading “BUREAU OF ALCOHOL,
8 TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES” in title II
9 of division B of the Omnibus Appropriations Act,
10 2009 (18 U.S.C. 923 note; Public Law 111–8) is
11 amended by striking “beginning in fiscal year 2009
12 and thereafter” and inserting “in fiscal year 2009”.

13 (4) PUBLIC LAW 110–161.—The 6th proviso in
14 the matter under the heading “SALARIES AND EX-
15 PENSES” under the heading “BUREAU OF ALCOHOL,
16 TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES” in title II
17 of division B of the Consolidated Appropriations
18 Act, 2008 (18 U.S.C. 923 note; Public Law 110–
19 161) is amended by striking “beginning in fiscal
20 year 2008 and thereafter” and inserting “in fiscal
21 year 2008”.

22 (5) PUBLIC LAW 109–108.—The 6th proviso in
23 the matter under the heading “SALARIES AND EX-
24 PENSES” under the heading “BUREAU OF ALCOHOL,
25 TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES” in title I of

1 the Science, State, Justice, Commerce, and Related
2 Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006 (18 U.S.C. 923
3 note; Public Law 109–108) is amended by striking
4 “with respect to any fiscal year” and inserting “with
5 respect to fiscal year 2006”.

6 (6) PUBLIC LAW 108–447.—The 6th proviso in
7 the matter under the heading “SALARIES AND EX-
8 PENSES” under the heading “BUREAU OF ALCOHOL,
9 TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES” in title I of
10 division B of the Consolidated Appropriations Act,
11 2005 (18 U.S.C. 923 note; Public Law 108–447) is
12 amended by striking “with respect to any fiscal
13 year” and inserting “with respect to fiscal year
14 2005”.

15 (7) PUBLIC LAW 108–7.—Section 644 of the De-
16 partments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Ju-
17 diciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act,
18 2003 (5 U.S.C. 552 note; Public Law 108–7) is
19 amended by striking “with respect to any fiscal
20 year” and inserting “with respect to fiscal year
21 2003”.

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