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To establish the right to obtain firearms for security, and to use firearms in defense of self, family, or home, and to provide for the enforcement of such right.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BARTLETT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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Additional sponsors: Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. BLILEY, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. PACKARD, Mr. CRANE, Mr. FIELDS of Texas, Mr. EMERSON, Mr. COLLINS of Georgia, Mr. TORKILDSEN, Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. CONDIT, Mr. COBLE, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. CALLAHAN, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. STUMP, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. DORNAN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. ARMEY, Mr. BACHUS of Alabama, Mr. BUYER, Mr. SUNDQUIST, Mr. BAKER of California, Mr. RAVENEL, Mr. BREWSTER, Mr. PETE GEREN of Texas, Mr. HERGER, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. ISTOOK, Mr. HANCOCK, Mr. BARCIA of Michigan, and Mr. BONILLA

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Citizens’ Self-Defense
3 Act of 1993”.

4 **SEC. 2. RIGHT TO OBTAIN FIREARMS FOR SECURITY, AND**
5 **TO USE FIREARMS IN DEFENSE OF SELF,**
6 **FAMILY, OR HOME; ENFORCEMENT.**

7 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF RIGHT.—A person not pro-
8 hibited by Federal law from receiving a firearm shall have
9 the right to obtain firearms for security, and to use fire-
10 arms in defense of self, family, or home.

11 (b) FIREARM DEFINED.—As used in subsection (a),
12 the term “firearm” means a—

13 (1) shotgun (as defined in section 921(a)(5) of
14 title 18, United States Code);

15 (2) rifle (as defined in section 921(a)(7) of such
16 title); or

17 (3) handgun (as defined in section 10 of Public
18 Law 99–408).

19 (c) ENFORCEMENT OF RIGHT.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—A person whose right under
21 subsection (a) is violated in any manner may bring
22 an action in any United States district court against
23 the United States, any State, or any person for
24 damages, injunctive relief, and such other relief as
25 the court deems appropriate.

1 (2) AUTHORITY TO AWARD A REASONABLE AT-
2 TORNEY'S FEE.—In an action brought under para-
3 graph (1), the court, in its discretion, may allow the
4 prevailing party, other than a State, a reasonable
5 attorney's fee as part of the costs.

6 (d) STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS.—An action may not
7 be brought under subsection (c)(1) after the 5-year period
8 that begins with the date the violation described therein
9 is discovered.

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