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H. R. 3425

To amend title 18, United States Code, to give nationwide effect to the least restrictive State laws regarding the carrying of firearms that are concealed, or are partially or fully visible to the public.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 29, 2015

Mr. WEBER of Texas (for himself, Mr. BABIN, Mr. HARRIS, Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. FLORES, Mr. RATCLIFFE, and Mr. CONAWAY) introduced the following bill; which was 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 “Firearm Rights Equal-
5 ly Enforced Act” or the “FREE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATIONWIDE EFFECT GIVEN TO LEAST RESTRIC-**
2 **TIVE STATE LAWS REGARDING THE CAR-**
3 **RYING OF FIREARMS THAT ARE CONCEALED,**
4 **OR ARE PARTIALLY OR FULLY VISIBLE TO**
5 **THE PUBLIC.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 44 of title 18, United
7 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 926C
8 the following:

9 **“§ 926D. Nationwide effect given to least restrictive**
10 **State laws regarding the carrying of fire-**
11 **arms that are concealed, or are partially**
12 **or fully visible to the public**

13 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any provision
14 of the law of any State or any political subdivision of a
15 State, an individual who is not prohibited by Federal law
16 from receiving a firearm and to whom a State has issued
17 a license or permit to carry a concealed firearm, or to
18 carry a firearm that is partially or fully visible to the pub-
19 lic, may do so in or affecting interstate or foreign com-
20 merce in any other State, subject to subsection (b).

21 “(b) LIMITATIONS.—

22 “(1) GENERAL RULE.—A person may exercise
23 the right granted by subsection (a) subject to any
24 limitation imposed by the State that issued the li-
25 cense or permit, except as provided in paragraph (2)
26 or (3).

1 “(2) AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE LESSER RESTRICTIVE LIMITATIONS.—A State may impose a lesser
2 restrictive limitation on the exercise of the right
3 granted by subsection (a) than any imposed by the
4 State referred to in paragraph (1).
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6 “(3) SPECIAL RULE RELATING TO FEES.—In
7 addition to the authority provided by paragraph (2),
8 a State may condition the exercise of the right
9 granted by subsection (a) on the payment of a fee,
10 the level of which may be greater than the level of
11 the fee (if any) imposed by the State referred to in
12 paragraph (1) as a condition of issuing the license
13 or permit, but any such fee may not be set at a level
14 that unduly burdens the exercise of the right.”.

15 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
16 for such chapter is amended by inserting after the item
17 relating to section 926C the following:

“926D. Nationwide effect given to least restrictive State laws regarding the carrying of firearms that are concealed, or are partially or fully visible to the public.”.

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