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H. R. 1137

To amend the Arms Export Control Act to provide that certain firearms listed as curios or relics may be imported into the United States by a licensed importer without obtaining authorization from the Department of State or the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 16, 2017

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia (for himself, Ms. CHENEY, and Mr. BABIN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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

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 “Collectible Firearms
3 Protection Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 38(b)(1) of the Arms Ex-
6 port Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2778(b)(1)) is amended—

7 (1) in subparagraph (B)—

8 (A) in the matter preceding clause (i), by
9 striking “subparagraph (A)” and inserting
10 “subparagraph (A)(i)”;

11 (B) in clause (i), by striking “Secretary of
12 the Treasury” and inserting “Attorney Gen-
13 eral”; and

14 (C) by striking clause (ii) and inserting the
15 following:

16 “(ii) the person seeking to export such firearms
17 to the United States certifies to the Attorney Gen-
18 eral that the firearms are lawfully possessed under
19 the laws of the exporting country.”; and

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

21 “(D) Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
22 regulation, or Executive order, any such firearms de-
23 scribed in subparagraph (B) may be imported into the
24 United States by an importer licensed under the provisions
25 of chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, without the

1 importer or the person described in subparagraph
2 (B)(ii)—

3 “(i) obtaining authorization from the Depart-
4 ment of State or the Department of Defense for the
5 transfer of such firearms by the person to the im-
6 porter; or

7 “(ii) providing payment to the Department of
8 State or the Department of Defense of any of the
9 proceeds of the transfer of such firearms by the per-
10 son to the importer.”.

11 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
12 subsection (a) apply to the importation of firearms de-
13 scribed in section 38(b)(1)(B) of the Arms Export Control
14 Act (as amended by subsection (a) of this section) on or
15 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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